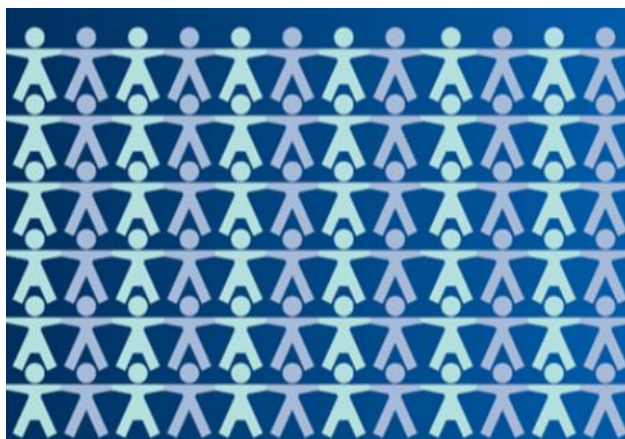


## **Information for children and young people involved in a Child Protection Investigation**



This leaflet has been prepared by West Dunbartonshire Child Protection Committee. This Child Protection Committee is made up of representatives from across the main statutory and voluntary organisations in your area. The Child Protection Committee meet on a regular basis to discuss issues of local and national interest concerning the protection of children. The Child Protection Committee also promote interagency working and training in the field of child protection and ensure local procedures are in place for responding to child protection concern



## **Introduction**

You have the right to be safe and protected from harm and abuse.

Someone has told social work or police that they are worried about you.

This leaflet is to help you understand:

- Why this person is worried about you
- What is happening just now and what might happen next
- And what help you can get

## **Why someone is worried about you**

Someone is worried about you because they think you might not be safe or might have been harmed or are not being looked after properly.

## **What is happening just now?**

If someone has told social work or police they are worried about you, they will want to:

- Make sure you are safe
- Speak to you
- Listen to you and find out what if anything



has been happening

When social work or police speak to you, you might want to speak to them on your own or you might want an adult you trust to be there as well.

What you and other people say they will be written down or recorded to make sure that everyone is clear about what's been said. What you have to say is very important.

Social work and police might also want to speak to other people who know you and your family well such as a close family member, your teacher, school nurse etc.

It is usually better if you are able to be looked after by your own family in your own home. However, if this is not possible you might have to be looked after by someone else in a place where you will be safe.

### **What will happen next?**

After speaking to everyone if social work and police believe you are safe and not at risk of harm then there might be no need for further contact with them. However, if you or your family need help and support then this will be arranged.





Sometimes a meeting called a Case Discussion or Case Conference can be arranged to make sure you and your family get the help you need.

**If you are not safe or not being properly looked after**

However if there are worries that you are not safe or being properly looked after then a meeting called an Initial Child Protection Case Conference will be held.

**Where you can get help**

You may be worried or upset just now, but there are people who can offer support, and help to you. If you need to speak to someone please speak to an adult you can trust. You can speak to a teacher, social worker, health visitor or someone at one of the agencies listed overleaf.



## **List of useful local contact numbers**

Health and Social Care Partnership (Children's Services)

Clydebank 0141 562 8800

Dumbarton/Alexandria 0141 562 8888

Out of Hours 0300 343 1505

Glasgow and Partners Social Work Emergency Service

Police Scotland Public Protection Unit 0141 532 3300

Scottish Children's Reporters Administration 0300 200 2223

Childline 0800 11 11

Parentline 0808 800 2222

National Child Protection Line 0800 022 3222

Your local Health Visitor who can be found through your local surgery or health centre.

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