

Workforce Brief No.5

Child Protection Planning Meetings

Audience

- Professionals with lead responsibilities for child protection
- Practitioners required to contribute towards child protection processes
- Senior managers across all agencies,

Moray Children Services Partnership began implementing the National Guidance for Child Protection Scotland (2021) on 15 August 2022

We would like to inform you about improvements to our child protection processes over the coming months as part of the implementation program.

1. Solution-orientation Child Protection Planning Meetings

On the 1st of March 2023, Moray introduced Child Protection Planning meetings to replace Child Protection Case Conferences in both terminology and format.

Child Protection Planning Meetings (CPPMs) take a solution orientated approach. This means that the Reviewing Officer will lead a discussion focusing of the concerns and strengths associated with a child/family. Greater time will be allocated to the development of a plan, alongside the family, which addresses the concerns and builds on contextual strengths.

Overall, the purpose of the Child Protection Planning Meeting is to:

- Ensure that a child's plan (Child Protection or Child in Need) is in place to address any identified risks/unmet needs
- Ensure that the views of the child, young person and their family's views are considered, with appropriate supports as necessary
- Share, update and analyse any relevant information (where it is proportionate to do so) including the Interim Safety Plan created at the Inter-agency Referral Discussion
- Determine whether the child is at risk of significant harm and requires to be placed/retained on the Child Protection Register or whether the child and family's needs can be met through the Child Planning process
- Determine whether a referral to the Scottish Children's Reporter's Administration is needed, if this has not already been done
- Determine whether other Legal Measures are needed, for example a Child Protection Order or alternative voluntary care arrangements (advice to be sought from Legal Services)



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- Consider whether the child (or any close adult) may be eligible for Criminal Injuries Compensation as a result of harm suffered within or out with the family as a result of abuse
- Identify a Lead Professional, if it was not done previously

What Does this mean for Staff?

All Professionals are Required:-

- To share their report/information (including integrated reports, but excluding police research) **5 days** prior to the meeting with the each other and the family.
- To prepare for the CPPM by reading the shared reports and considering their agency's contribution to the plan.
- All participants at a CPPM with significant involvement with the child and family have a responsibility to contribute with a view of the level of risk, including identifying areas of concern.
- Each professional attending the CPPM has a duty to express their view as to whether a child's name is placed on, taken off or retained on the Child Protection Register.

For more information, click [here](#) to read the national guidance on Child Protection Planning Meetings.

Agency specific queries can be directed to your child protection representative:

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Social Work: Donna Borek & Lizette Van Zyl

Police: Caroline Gray

Health: Joanna McCauley

Or email mcpc@moray.gov.uk with your questions and feedback.



Workforce briefings for the implementation of the [National Guidance for Child Protection Scotland 2021](#) in Moray. Brought to you on behalf of the Moray Child Protection Committee.

