



Joint investigative interview

A Guide for Parents, Guardians or Carers

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When a child or young person has been a victim or witness of abuse or harm, they may take part in a joint investigative interview.

This is a formal, planned interview with a child to understand their experience of events involving risk of significant harm.

A trained social worker and a police officer will carry out the joint investigative interview. They have specialist skills and knowledge in interviewing children and young people. You and professionals who know your child well will be involved in the planning.

The interview will be held in your child's school or our specially adapted interview rooms. Family homes are never used.

Where possible, your child will be supported by you, or by a family member, friend, known adult, or professional.

A joint interview is video recorded. This makes sure the record is accurate and detailed. The video recording is stored safely following Moray Council and Police Scotland policies.

After the interview

What happens after a joint investigative interview depends on the information gathered during the interview. This includes:

- No further action: no further action or supports are needed
- The child has a safety plan: arrangements and supports are put in place to keep a child safe from current/future harm
- A medical examination may be required
- Further police/social work investigation: police and social work will explain what further investigation they need to help understand what has happened
- Immediate protective measures: where concerns are serious and immediate, alternative care arrangements may be discussed with you to ensure your child's safety

We try to make decisions as quickly as possible and parents/family members will be told what is going to happen.

Please do get in touch with your allocated social worker or any of the teams if you have any questions or need support.

Advocacy

Throughout child protection processes, you and your child will be offered independent advocacy by the Social Work Department. An advocate is a person who can represent you and support your involvement in the child protection process and meetings with professionals.

The Social Work Department is also here to answer any questions you have.

Complaints



If you have concerns about the process or the behaviour of a professional, you can make a complaint. There is information on the Moray Council website:

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_1379.html

More information

More information of child protection can be found on the Moray Council website at:

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55497.html



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