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for every child  
in Moray

**SHARING INFORMATION**

**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

**Why do you want to share information about my child?**

The people working with your child may need to pass on some of the information about him/her to other people who are, or might be, involved in working with your child. This is because they feel it is necessary to do this so that they can help in making a plan to offer support. These people could be from social work, education, health, police, housing or a voluntary organisation.

Your child's information will only be given to another person if they are, or will be, involved in helping. The main person working with your child will always try to tell him/her and you first before this happens, if possible. They will always share the reasons with you and your child, where possible.

**Who gives consent?**

Where a professional working with your child feels he/she is able to understand the issues of consenting to sharing their information, and is confident that he/she knows the consequences, then your child will be asked for his/her consent. This is dependent on their age and level of understanding. You will be included in this, where possible. Where the person working with your child feels he/she is not able to give consent or is not able to understand the consequences, then that person will seek consent from you, or the child's legal representative.

**What happens if I don't consent?**

Your views are always important, however, there might be times when information must be shared with another person, even if you don't give consent. This will only happen when someone who works with your child thinks he/she may be at risk of harm, or if they believe it is vital that some information (ie medical information) is shared. They will explain this more, where possible.

**If my child agrees once, is that enough?**

No. Your child's needs, and the people involved, might change, so it will be necessary to ask for consent again to make sure everyone involved can work together effectively to continue to offer the best support to your child.

**Where can I find out more?**

Ask the person giving you this leaflet for more information, or for a copy of the Moray Information Sharing Protocol. This document governs the way in which professionals share information across Moray, and is governed by the Data Protection Act 1998, the Human Rights Act 1998, the common law duty of confidentiality and professional codes of conduct.