

Your views are very important, but, they are only one part of the decision making. Sometimes the meeting will listen to your views and still make a different decision. We will make sure that any decisions that are made are explained to you as best as possible.

REMEMBER

...You choose if you want the support of the child protection advocacy worker, and you choose what views you want expressed.



YOU CAN CONTACT

YOUR CHILD PROTECTION

ADVOCACY WORKER BY:

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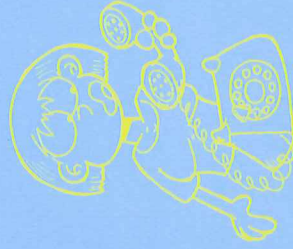
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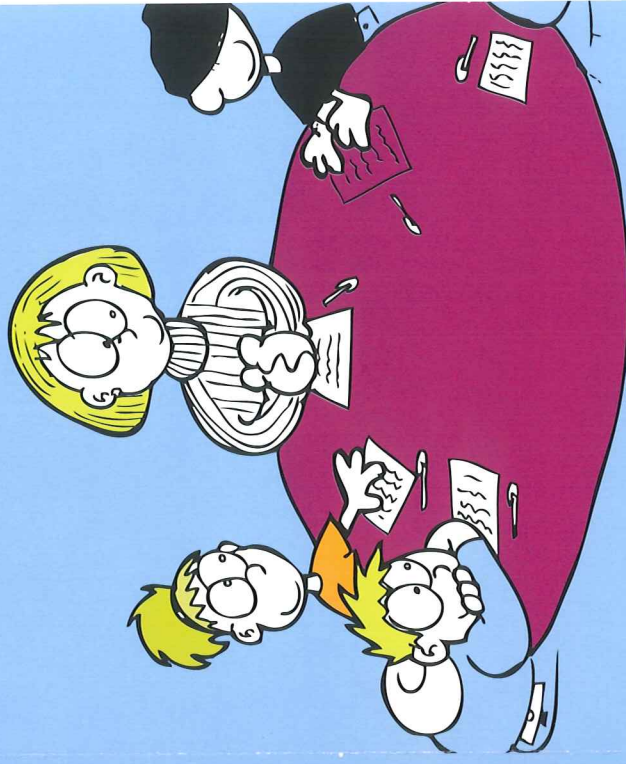
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THE CHILD PROTECTION ADVOCACY WORKER



YOU ARE THE EXPERT IN YOUR LIFE... ONLY YOU CAN TELL US HOW YOU ARE FEELING AND WHAT YOUR HOPES AND FEARS ARE...

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WE TAKE ACTION**
for Scotland's vulnerable
children and families



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THE CHILD PROTECTION ADVOCACY WORKER WILL:

- Listen to what you say and take you seriously.
- Give you information and tell you about the choices that you could make, so you can understand and think about them.
- Not try to change your mind.
- Not give their own point of view (unless you ask for it).
- Help you to feel part of the meeting and get your point of view across.
- Look after your rights.
- Not share your thoughts with other people unless you say it is okay (Unless you or another child might be in danger.)

If your name is on the Child Protection Register (or might be placed on it), the child protection advocacy worker can support you to have your say by:

Helping you to understand what goes on at Child Protection Case Conferences and Core Groups, and what sort of decisions might be made at them.

Supporting you to think about what you might want the people at these meetings to know about you.

Exploring with you how you can best let them know these things (e.g. telling them yourself, writing a letter, or doing a drawing, or some other image, showing them what **you** think, feel, hope and/or fear)

Going to meetings with you to support you to have your say.

Or

Going to meetings and speaking for you if you don't yet feel able to do that yourself.

