INFORMATION FOR
PARENTS / CARERS

NORTH LANARKSHIRE

What we do: When there are serious worries or concerns about your child(ren)



If someone who knows you and your family has worries about your child, they may contact services to seek help for you.

Health, social work, police and school/nursery talk about these worries and discuss what would help to make your child safer. (This is called in an Interagency Referral Discussion or IRD for short)

What will happen next after this discussion has taken place?

A social worker may come to visit you and your child to speak about the worries and what might help.

If necessary a specially trained police officer and social worker may ask to speak to your child. If your child is hurt we would speak to you about your child being examined by a doctor. Then a safety plan will be agreed with you and your child.

If nothing else needs to happen you will continue to be supported by the people already in your child's life and this may include health visitor, school or nursery.



North Lanarkshire CHILD Protection Committee

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A child protection meeting

A meeting is arranged to talk about the serious worries with you, this should happen within 28 days of the initial worry being identified and discussed at Interagency Referral Discussion. At this meeting we work with you and your child to create a safety plan to reduce the worries and help to keep your child safer.



At this meeting a discussion will take place to agree whether your child's name needs to be placed on the Child Protection Register (this means all agencies have to work together to give your child extra support to keep them safe).

The meeting will also discuss if a referral is needed to the Children's Hearing System (this is a legal forum). This is to help agree a plan when some people disagree.

After the meeting what will happen?

If you and the people identified to support you and your child agree that nothing else needs to happen you will continue be supported by the people in your life for example health visitor, school and nursery.



If it is decided at the meeting your child needs a safety plan and extra support, then your social worker will come to visit you and your child each week to see how things are going and to offer that help and support.

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- A meeting will take place each month with you, your safe person/people and some professionals to see how things are going with the safety plan. This is called a core group meeting.
- Another Child Protection meeting will take place within the next 6 months but only if your child's name is placed on the Child Protection Register.

What are my child's rights and what are my rights?

Children have the right to take part and be involved in their meetings and plans. Some of the ways that we might support you can include:



- We will speak to you about bringing someone who can support you to any meetings
- Your child can get advocacy to ensure their voice is heard
- If you go to a Children's hearing, you can contact a lawyer
- Your views matter, you will be asked to clearly state what you think (writing this down before the meeting can be helpful as we know these meetings can be hard)
- You have the right to ask for and be given explanations
- You have the right not to participate however we want families to be involved in the thinking and planning to address the worries
- We can access extra support such as an interpreter if you require one

Contact details for the social worker helping you:

Name:	
How to contact:	