

What is an Advocate?



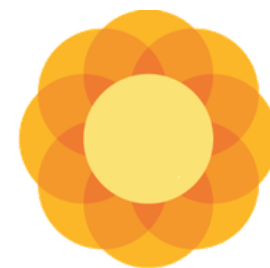
An advocate is there to help you understand what the conference is about and help you think about what you want people to know.

The advocate will only share information with your permission.



If you would like an advocate, please email:
advocacy@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk

CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCE



**BIRMINGHAM
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A Child Protection Conference is a meeting where people such as family members, teachers or police officers come together to help keep you safe.



In the meeting people will talk about their worries, about things that are going well and things that need to improve.

The chair of the meeting will make sure that there is a clear plan made about your care and safety - this is called a Child Protection Plan.

You can go to the whole meeting or only a part of it. You can also have an advocate with you to support you and help you say what you want to say. If you don't want to go to the meeting you can also ask your advocate to go for you.



If there is something you don't want mum or dad to hear, you can tell your advocate, social worker or the chair of the meeting in private. It will only be shared with others if we need to do anything to keep you extra safe.

It is ok to feel worried but everyone is there to make things better *for you*.

If you're ever unsure about anything, just ask and we can explain as best we can.

