

## What is a Family Group Conference ?



It is an opportunity for family and friends to come together to talk, plan and make decisions that support your family and children.

It's family led and the aim is for you and your family to make a plan that keeps your children safe.

If you want to have an FGC, your facilitator will help you prepare for the conference.

### Preparation Stage



Your facilitator will help you identify your support network



Your facilitator talks with the family, your child and your support network about the worries that will be addressed at your family group conference.

### Family decide



- Who attends
- Venue location and time



*We will only share information with your consent and what we discuss is confidential unless there is a safe-guarding risk.*

## Family Group Conference

If you have any questions or would like more information, please get in touch with the family group conference team:

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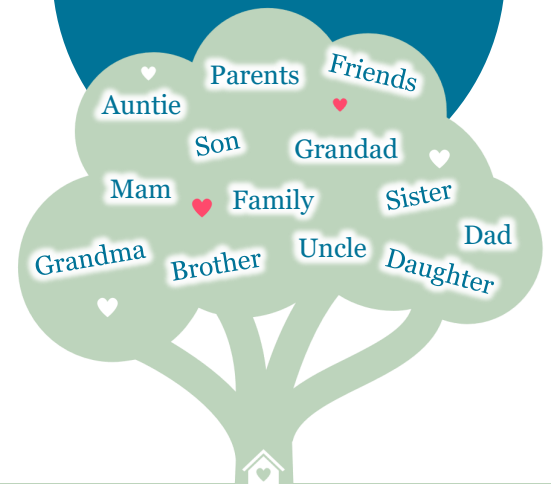


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Bringing families together to talk about problems in a calm, open, and supportive setting.

*Your family  
Your conference  
Your plan.*



## What happens at a Family Group Conference?

### Information Sharing

This is the first part of the meeting.

The Social Worker working with you shares any concerns they have with you and your family.

They will be clear on what decisions need to be made.

### Private Family Time

The professionals leave the room.

Your family and support network are left alone to make a plan that addresses the worries and concerns raised at the start of the conference.

Everybody decides on how they will check the plan is working and what they will do if not.

### Sharing your plan

The professionals return to the room.

A family member shares the plan.

Everybody must agree the plan meets the needs of the children and keeps them safe.

## What happens after my Family Group Conference?

Your facilitator will type up the plan and make sure everybody gets a copy.

The family decide if they would like a review date and agree on a date and time that's best for them.

A review looks at:

- What's working well
- What's not working well
- What support may help your plan work



## My Family Group Conference

### My FGC Facilitator



Name: .....

E-mail: .....

Phone: .....

### Dates to remember:



Date	Time	Purpose

