

Child Protection Plans

A Child Protection Plan is a working tool that helps you and the people working with you to know what each person needs to do. The aims of the plan are:-

- To keep your child safe and stop any further harm from happening to them
- To promote your child's welfare
- To support your family (and wider family)
- To care for your child where it is safe for you do so

What should you do?

- Make sure you know how to contact your child's Social Worker and any other people working with your family
- Ask your child's Social Worker to explain what the changes may mean for you
- Be involved in making your child's Child Protection Plan
- Know what the Child Protection Plan says and what you are being asked to do
- Keep a copy of your child's Child Protection Plan for reference in a safe place
- Attend all meetings about your child but let your child's Social Worker know if you can't attend
- Read the records of each meeting about your child (ask your Social Worker if you need any help with this)

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Important information for Parents/Carers

You should read this leaflet if you have a child or are caring for a child who is the subject of a Child Protection Plan (previously known as a child on the Child Protection Register)



This leaflet outlines important changes to Sunderland's Child Protection Register - from the 1st April 2008 Sunderland will no longer use the term "Child Protection Register". Where a Child Protection Conference decides a child is at continuing risk of significant harm the child will be the "subject of a Child Protection Plan"

What will change?

From April 1st 2008 Sunderland Children's Services will no longer keep a "Child Protection Register". When an Initial Child Protection Conference or Review Conference decides your child is at continuing risk of significant harm they will agree that your child is the subject of a Child Protection Plan.

It will still be possible for professionals to check if a child is the subject of a Child Protection Plan by contacting the **Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Unit on 0191 5661612. Out of Hours Service 0191 5289110.**

The Government has made these changes as they believe this will focus the family and the workers on the Child Protection Plan and help keep your child safe.

Sunderland Local Safeguarding Children Board Safeguarding Children Procedures have more information about what has to happen if your child has a Child Protection Plan

The Procedures can be found at:-

www.sunderlandchildrenstrust.org.uk/p/rofs-safeguardboard-procedures.asp

What will stay the same?

All the duties on professionals and the way they work with you and your family will stay the same.

This will include working together with you and your family to safeguard your child by working on the tasks that are set out in your child's Child Protection Plan. If you have more than one child, each child will have their own Child Protection Plan



A Glossary of Terms

Listed below are the new words to be used and the words they replace from 01.04.08

Old: Child's name is on the Child Protection Register

New: The child is the subject of a Child Protection Plan

Old: Category of registration

New: Category of abuse or neglect

Old: Deregistration

New: Discontinuation of a Child Protection Plan

Old: Length of time on the Register

New: Duration of the Child Protection Plan

Old: Custodian to the register

New: Designated Manager for Child Protection Plans

Old: Enquiry to the Custodian of the Child Protection Register

New: Child Protection Plan Enquiry

Old: Date of registration

New: Date child became the subject of a Child Protection Plan