

CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCE AND LOOKED AFTER REVIEW COMBINED AGENDA

CHAIRS COPY

Visually:

Laminated documents are on the wall – this includes Danger Statement/Safety Goal, 0 – 10, Planning and what is working and the worries (See attached docs). Minute takers to prep room prior to conference start.

Chair where possible and using own judgment to use flip chart/magic whiteboard paper to make notes throughout the conference on the plan, worries and working well.

Pre conference meeting:

Agree with family any time out, breaks they may require, if they are happy for the chair to scribe on the wall,

1. Introductions

- ✚ Introductions and apologies
- ✚ Confirm all attendees have signed in and check bundle
- ✚ Children subject to legal proceedings or becoming looked after should not have dual plans unless in exceptional circumstances. At the Initial or subsequent Review Conference it may be apparent/planned that the child's welfare will be/ is being safeguarded under S20 Children Act with the plan that the Local Authority are initiating Care Proceedings and applying for an Interim Care Order. (In the case of an unborn baby that this is proposed at birth, under S20 Children Act, with the plan that the Local Authority are initiating Care proceedings and applying for an Interim Care Order.) It may no longer be necessary for a child protection plan to exist in addition to the looked after plan, as the court will be overseeing all planning for the child.

SW expectation

Arrive 30mins before conference and have read all reports

4 working days prior to conference inform chair if there are any additional needs, learning difficulties, interpreter required, childcare breaks, any visual or learning needs.

Partners expectations:

Arrive 30mins before conference and have read all reports

ACTION: To include in letter for conference invite, that attendees **MUST** attend conference 30 mins prior to the start time in order to read all reports and to make an informed decision.

2. Family Tree (Genogram) and Eco Map

- ✚ Check with family/network do we have everyone including extended family?

- ✚ Is the support network up to date? Anyone else we need to add? Check whether these people can attend conference in the future?
- ✚ Outline of who is being considered for assessments and timescales.

SW expectation:

That an up to date genogram/eco map is brought to conference and includes the support network who have been present at the family network meeting

**3. Purpose of Review Conference / Chair Summary why here/ 3 minute overview
Legal status and timetable for proceedings.**

- ✚ First to parents – What are the updates/significant events since last conference, access to legal advice?
- ✚ Ask social worker/agencies – any significant events that are not captured in the danger statements since the last conference or information that needs to be shared. Harm Matrix/context and chronology. Assessments being undertaken as part of timetable for proceedings.
- ✚ VOC – what do the children know? If this hasn't occurred consider this being a piece of work such as a words and pictures to explain the worries completed by who the child has the best relationship with. Views regarding placement.

**4. Danger Statements/Safety Goals – Linked to scaling, safety planning, bottom lines and contingency planning.
Over view of Care Plan.**

This section is fluid – alternating between the danger statement and what is linked in the plan to achieve the safety goal both from the safety plan and service led actions.

- ✚ **DS/SG:** Chair to ask SW to read out the Danger Statement and Safety Goal
- ✚ Ask for updates (what is working, worries) from the family, SW and other agencies in relation to the above and are there any **Bottom Lines: (non-negotiable actions/behaviours)** in relation to the above.
Ask whether there are any missing pieces of information/worries that attendees would want to share or include in Danger Statements/Goals – is there an additional DS/SG?
- ✚ **Safety and Care Planning:** Review the safety plan alongside each Danger Statement/Safety Goal, where possible identify which elements of the safety plan is linked to which Danger Statement/Goal.
- ✚ **What parents need to do as part of the proceedings and to work towards reunification?**
What are the family's goals, how are parents going to make changes to keep the child/children safe?
- ✚ Are there elements of the safety plan that have worked well and can be built upon to assist reunification? Are previous actions completed or still relevant, what else needs to be added or considered.
- ✚ **Arrangements for family time.**
- ✚ **Contingency Planning/Twin tracking:** What are the family/network or others going to do if the plan fails. Consider all options – reunification, placement with family, long term fostering, adoption.

- ✚ **Scale:** Chair to then ask all attendees to 'scale' against the DS/SG, starting with the family. To pick out elements of both the DS (what zero looks like) and 10 (what the goal achieved would look like) and pose this question to the conference
- ✚ When each person scales, ask them what they would need to see to move up a scale point and closer to the goal

- 5. Bottom lines.**
Non-negotiables, as part of proceedings, such as maintain separation, attend drug testing, family time.

- 6. Chairpersons Summary**
✚ Summary of risk and protective factors identified.

- 7. Decision Making**
 - ✚ Chair to remind conference of LSCB procedure
 - ✚ Views about the Care Plan - parents initially and the all attendees, reminding attendees that we are asking for a decision on whether threshold for significant harm has been met and whether children need to remain) subject to a Child Protection Plan, and suggested category/categories.
 - ✚ OR whether the child is safeguarded in the LAC care planning process.

- 8. Outcome of Conference**
✚ Chairs decision regarding relevant concern(s) (Neglect, Sexual Abuse, Emotional Abuse, Physical Abuse); should plan remain alongside LAC Plan

- 9. Set dates for Core Group, Review Conference/LAC Review.**

- 10. Close of Conference**