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FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCE TEAM

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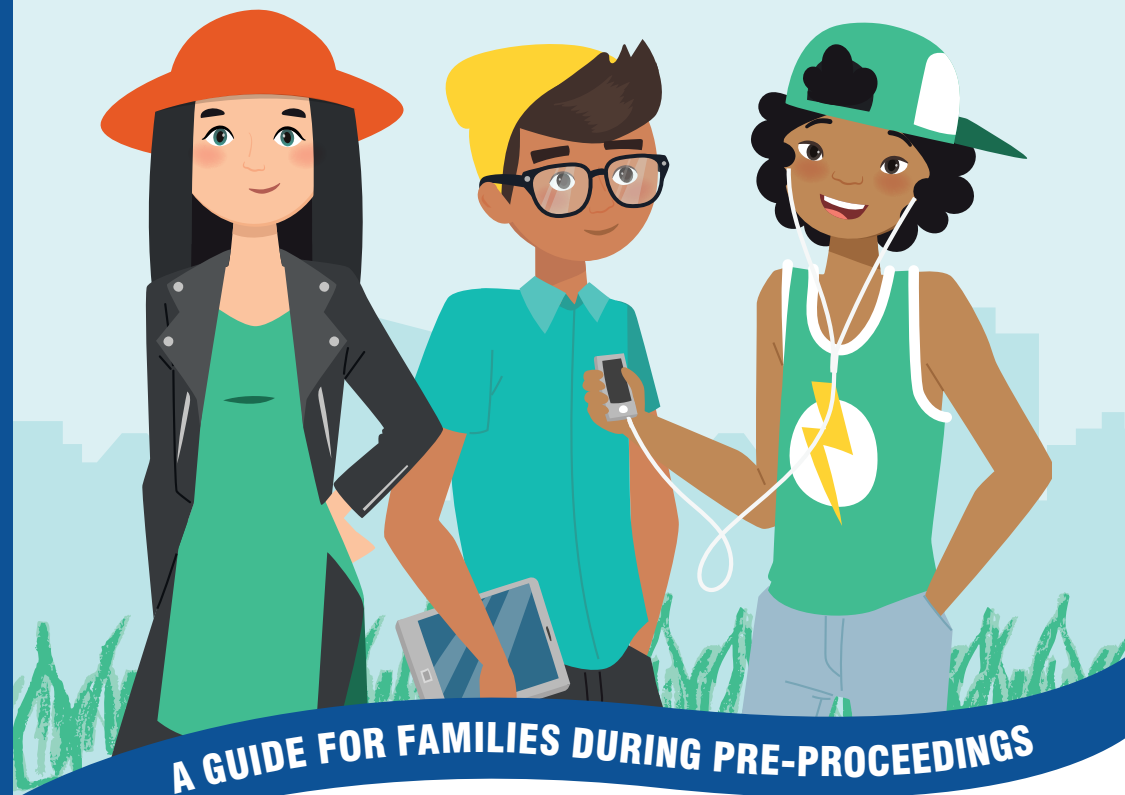


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WHAT IS A FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCE

A Family Group Conference (FGC) is a meeting led by you and your family. It brings together your family, close friends, and anyone important in your child's life, so you can plan for your child's future together.

WHY ARE YOU BEING OFFERED A FGC?

Children's Services are worried that things at home need to change to keep your child safe. An FGC gives you, your family, and your friends the chance to come together to support you, and to help your child stay safely at home, wherever possible.

It also helps everyone think about who in your network could care for your child if that was ever needed.

WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE THE FGC?

You'll be supported by an independent FGC coordinator. They'll talk with you about who should be invited, what information you want to share, and how the meeting will run. They'll also speak with each person you want to invite, so everyone feels prepared.

It is important to try to prepare and arrange for your FGC to happen within 6 weeks of your pre-proceedings meeting with your social worker. This will mean that your family plan will be available at the next pre-proceedings meeting to help make decisions about what happens next.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE FGC?

The meeting is arranged at a time and place that works for you, your family and any professionals you choose to invite.

Here's what you can expect:

- Your child's social worker will share information and answer questions
- You and your family and friends will then have private time to talk and make your family plan
- The social worker will come back to hear your family plan and talk about what happens next
- The coordinator is there to support the meeting, not to make decisions for you

YOUR CHOICE MATTERS

Taking part in an FGC is your choice. You can say no or stop at any time.

An FGC coordinator will contact you in the first week of the pre-proceedings process, to talk with you about whether you want to go ahead.

If you decide that you do not want an FGC at this time, you can ask for one later. Just let the coordinator know and we will come back out to see you again.

You can contact the FGC service at fgc.coventry.gov.uk

