

<p>Child Protection Investigations</p> <p>Information to children and young people</p> <p>www.staffsscb.org.uk</p>	<p>wkí myiyvi Z`šÍ</p> <p>wkí I Kgeq` <`i cÖwZ Z_`</p> <p>www.staffsscb.org.uk</p>
<p>What are my rights?</p> <p>You have the right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be listened to and have your views respected. • Be supported throughout the investigation by the social worker and sometimes by someone else who may speak on your behalf. • Be involved in what is happening. • Have decisions explained to you • Complain if you do not feel that you are being treated properly. 	<p>Avgvi Kx Kx AwaKvi Av`Q?</p> <p>†Zvgvi GBme AwaKvi Av`Q:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • †Zvgvi e³e` A`b`iv ib`eb Ges †Zvgvi `.,wófw½`K ghv`v †``ebI • Z`šÍ PjvKvjxb mviv mgq a`i mgvRKgx` <p>†Zvgv`K mnvqZv K`i hv`eb Ges KLbI KLbI Ab` Kviæi Øviv mnvqZv cv`eb, whwb nqZ †Zvgvi n`q K_v ejvi AwaKvixI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hv NU`Q Zv`Z †hvM †`IqvI • †Zvgv`K hv e`vL`v Kiv n`q`Q Zvi wfwÈ`Z wmxvšÍ MÖnY KivI • †Zvgvi cÖwZ h_vh_ e`envi Kiv n``Q bv e`j hw` g`b nq Z`e Awf`hvM Rvbv`bvl
<p>Complaints</p> <p>If you have a complaint please contact your Social Worker and a complaints leaflet will be made available to you. Complaints should be made in writing to:</p> <p>Complaints Manager Staffordshire County Council Social Care and Health Directorate The Walton Building</p>	<p>Awf`hvM</p> <p>†Zvgvi †KvbI Awf`hvM _vK`j AbyMÖn K`i †Zvgvi mgvRKgx`i mv`_ †hvMv`hvM Ki Ges GKwU Awf`hvMcÎI †Zvgv`K †`Iqv n`el Awf`hvM wjwLZ AvKv`i cvVv`Z n`e:</p> <p>Complaints Manager Staffordshire County Council Social Care and Health Directorate</p>

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<p>Remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abuse is not your fault. • You have a right to be protected properly. • You are an important and valued person. • Your views and feelings will be listened to and respected. • Let someone help to make things better for you. 	<p>g#b †iL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • †nb` `vi Rb` †Zvgvi †KvbI †`vl †bBl • †Zvgvi h_vh_ wbivcËv cvIqvi AwaKvi Av#Ql • Zzwg GKRB ,iæZ;c~Y© I g~j`evb e`w³l • †Zvgvi gZvgZ I Abyfe †kvbv n#e I ghv©`vl • †Iqv n#el • Gm, †Zvgvi fvji Rb` Ab` †KD wKQz KiæKl
<p>Further helpful information is available from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Solicitor who is a member of the Law Society's Children's Panel. • Your local Citizens Advice Bureau. • Family Rights Group (advice line) Tel: 0800 7311 696 • Children's Legal Centre (child law) Tel: 0845 120 2948 	<p>AwZwi³ mnvqK Z_` cvIqv hv#e GLvb †_#K:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • j †mvmvBwUÖR wP#i`Y c`v#b#ji m`m` GKRB mwjwmU#ii Kv#Ql • Avcbvi ` `vbxq wmwU#RÝ A`vWfvBm ey`#ivql • d`vvgwj ivBUm MÖæ#c (Dc#`k wefvM) †Uwj: 0800 7311 696 • wP#i`Y wjM`vj †m>Uvi (wki AvBb) - †Uwj: 0845 120 2948

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<p>What is a child protection investigation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is when social workers, and sometimes the police, follow up reports they receive that make them concerned that a child or young person may be harmed by someone who is looking after them, someone they know or someone they don't know. The law says that children must be protected from harm and that social workers should do something about it. 	<p>†`^"Qv‡mex †yĬ)</p> <p>wkii myiyvq Z ‡šĬi A_© Kx?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> †KvbI wkĭ ev Kgeq̄ ‹‡K †`Lvĭbv K‡i Ggb e`w³ ev wkĭwU †P‡b A_ev †P‡b bv Ggb †KD Zvi ywZ Ki‡Z cv‡i, GiKg Lei wi‡cvU© †`Iqvi ci Z`šĬ Kivi mgq mgvRKgx©i Kv‡Q Ges KLbI KLbI cyw‡ki Kv‡Q †cŠuQ‡j D‡ØM †`Lv †`ql AvBb e‡j, GiKg ywZi nvZ †_‡K wkĭwU‡K Aek`B iyv Ki‡Z n‡e Ges Ge`vcv‡i mgvRKgx©i Aek`B wKQz Kiv `iKvil
<p>What is harm?</p> <p>Harm is ill-treatment or child abuse. Here are some examples.</p>	<p>ywZ ej‡Z Kx †evSvq?</p> <p>ywZ ej‡Z †evSvq †nb`'v A_ev wkii Ici AZ`vPvil bx‡P Gi K‡qKwU D`vniY †`Iqv njĭ</p>
<p>Emotional abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may be feeling unloved, undervalued or that your parents or carers are constantly picking on you. It may involve seeing someone else in your family being hurt. This may have been happening for a very long time and make you feel sad, unhappy, and that you do not like yourself very much. <p>Neglect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may be young and left alone for a long time. You may not have enough food to eat or proper clothes to wear. You may not be taken to the doctor when you are unwell. 	<p>Av‡eMmÄvZ †nb`'v</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zzww g‡b Ki‡Z cv‡i †h, †Zvgv‡K †KD fvjev‡m bv, †KD bRi K‡i bv A_ev †Zvgvi Awffve‡Kiv ev cwiPhv©Kvixiv memgq †Zvgv‡K †LvuUv †`ql GiKg cwiw`'wZ‡Z †Zvgvi cwiev‡ii Ab` †KD AvnZ n‡Z cv‡ibl GiKg cwiw`'wZ eüw`b a‡i Pj‡Z cv‡i Ges Gi d‡j Zzww `ytLx, AmyLx n‡q co‡Z cvil wb‡R‡KB wb‡Ri AcQ>` n‡Z _v‡Kĭ <p>Ae‡njv</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eqm Kg _vK‡ZB †Zvgv‡K GKjv †d‡j ivLv nql †Zvgvi Rb` h‡_ó cwigv‡Y Lvevi`vevi

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may be left with people who you do not feel safe with. 	<p> _vꞤK bv A_ev Dchy³ ꞤcvkvK-cwi”QꞤ”iI Afve _vꞤKl </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zzwg hLb Amy⁻’ nꞤq co, ꞤZvgvꞤK Wv³vꞤii KvꞤQ wbꞤq hvIqv nq bvl Zzwg wbivc` ev⁻ ^w⁻ Í Ꞥeva Ki bv, Ggb ꞤjvKRꞤbi mꞤ½ ꞤZvgvꞤK ꞤiꞤL Ꞥ`Iqv nql
<p>Physical abuse</p> <p>You may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Punched Bitten Hit Thrown Burnt or Beaten (for example, with a stick or a belt) Hurt in other ways. 	<p>kvixwiK Ꞥnb⁻’v ꞤZvgvꞤK nqZ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nywm gviv nq KvgꞤo Ꞥ`Iqv nq gviai Kiv nq QzuꞤo ꞤdꞤv nq Av,Ꞥbi Q`vuKv Ꞥ`Iqv nq A_ev ꞤcUvꞤbv nq (Ꞥhgb jvwV ev Ꞥeë w`Ꞥq) Ab`vb` fvꞤe AvNvZ Kiv nql
<p>Sexual abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some one may ask you to look at rude pictures, videos or computer games. Someone may ask you to touch their or someone else’s private parts. Someone may touch your private parts. 	<p>ꞤhŠb Ꞥnb⁻’v</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ꞤKD nqZ ꞤZvgvꞤK ꞤRvi KꞤi Akøxj Qwe, wfwWI ev KwꞤúDUvi ꞤMg Ꞥ`LꞤZ eva` KꞤi ꞤKD nqZ ꞤZvgvi A_ev AꞤb`i kixꞤii ꞤMvcb `vꞤb` úk© KivꞤZ eva` KꞤil ꞤKD nqZ ꞤZvgvi ꞤMvcb `vꞤb nvZ Ꞥ`ql
<p>What should I do if I think I am being abused or may have been abused?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tell someone that you can trust. This 	<p>AvgvꞤK Ꞥnb⁻’v Kiv nꞤ”Q ev Ꞥnb⁻’v nꞤqwQ, ꞤmiKg Ae⁻’vq coꞤj Kx Kie?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zzwg hvꞤK wek’vm Ki Ggb KvDꞤK ejl

<p>could be a friend, relative, teacher or social worker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can also 'phone Child Line on 08001111. It may be very difficult to talk about some of the things that have happened. You may feel frightened or be worried that you may get someone into trouble, but this should not stop you from talking to someone about it. 	<p>†m †Zvgvi eÜz n‡Z cv‡i, AvZÿxq, wkÿK A_ev mgvRKgx© n‡Z cv‡il</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zzwg ÔPvBi jvB‡b 08001111Õ †dvbl Ki‡Z cvil Ggb †Kvbl †Kvbl NUbv N‡U hvq hv wb‡q K_v ejv Lye k³l Zzwg fq †c‡Z cvi A_ev Avkw¼Z n‡Z cvi †h Zzwg wKQz ej‡j Abˆ †KD mgmˆˆvq co‡Z cv‡il wKŠˆ Zvi Rbˆ Kviæi m‡½ †Zvgvi K_v ejv AvUKv‡bv DwPZ bql
<p>What will happen after I tell someone?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The person that you tell should contact a social worker or the police so that they can help you. Social workers, and sometimes police officers, will need to talk to you and other people about what has happened. This may include your teachers, your school nurse and your doctor. They will also have to talk to your family, but only when they are reasonably sure that you are safe from harm. The social worker and police officer may ask you if they can video record their conversation with you. This will mean that they do not have to ask you the same questions lots of times. They cannot record the conversation without your permission. If you have been abused, a doctor may need to examine you. The doctor will have helped many children like you. They care about you and want you to be safe. However, you don't have to see the doctor if you really don't want to. 	<p>Avwg hw` KvD‡K ewj, Zvici Kx n‡Z cv‡i?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hv‡K Zzwg ej‡e, Zvi GKRb mgvRKgx© A_ev cywjk‡K Zv Rvbv‡bv DwPZ, hv‡Z Zvui †Zvgv‡K m‡vnhˆ Ki‡Z cv‡ibl mgvRKgx© ev cywjk Awdmv‡iiv †Zvgvi m‡½ Ges Abˆˆvbˆˆˆi m‡½ we‡kl NUbvwU wb‡q K_v ej‡ebl Abˆˆvbˆˆiv ej‡Z †Zvgvi wkÿK, ˆˆz‡ji bvm© Ges †Zvgvi Wv³vil Zvui †Zvgvi cwiev‡ii †jvKR‡bi m‡½l K_v ej‡ebl Z‡e Zvui hLb hyw³m½Zfv‡e wbwðZ n‡eb †h †Zvgvi †KvblKg ÿwZ n‡e bv, ZLbB cwiev‡ii m‡½l K_v ej‡ebl mgvRKgx© ev cywjk Awdmvi †Zvgvi m‡½l K_v ejvi NUbv wfwWIq †iKW© K‡i ivL‡Z cv‡ibl Gi A_© nj, Zvi ci hZevi `iKvi n‡e ZLb †Zvgv‡K GKB cÖkæ evievi Kivi `iKvi n‡e bvl Z‡e †Zvgvi AbygwZ Qvov Zvui K_ˆevZv© †iKW© Ki‡Z cvi‡eb bvl Zzwg †nbˆ ˆv n‡j GKRb Wv³vi †Zvgvq cixÿv K‡i †`L‡Z cv‡ibl Wv³v‡iiv †Zvgvi gZ eû †Q‡j‡g‡q‡K m‡vnhˆ K‡ibl Zvui †Zvgvi cÖwZ hZè †bb Ges †Zvgiv hv‡Z wbivc‡ˆ _vK ZvB Pvbl Aekˆ, †Zgvi hw` mwZˆB `iKvi bv_ˆv‡K Z‡e †Kvbl Wv³vi‡K †`Lvevi cÖ‡qvRb n‡e bvl

<p>Where will all of this happen?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will usually be able to speak to the social worker and the police officer and see the doctor at a place not too far away from where you live. It will be somewhere comfortable and friendly where you can feel safe. You can have someone with you to support you – this may be a relative or another adult you feel safe with. 	<p>GZme †Kv_vq n†e?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mvaviYZ mgvRKgx©, cywjk Awdmvi Ges Zvic†i <p>Wv³vi†K †`Lvevi Rb` †Zvgv†K evwoi Lye `~†i †h†Z n†e bvl KvQvKvwQ Ges eÜzZ;c~Y© RvqMvB n†e, †hLv†b Zzwg wb†R†K wbivc` †eva Ki†el †Zvgv†K mnh` Kivi Rb` Zzwg KvD†K wb†q †h†Z cvi - wZwb †Zvgvi †Kvbl AvZ†xq n†Z cv†ib A_ev Ggb †Kvbl eq` < gvbyl hvui m†½ Zzwg wbivc` †eva Kil</p>
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<p>Will I be able to go home?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If people think that you will be safe then yes, if that's what you want to do. 	<p>Avwg wK evwo †h†Z cvie?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hw` g†b Kiv nq †h Zzwg wbivc†`B _vK†e Zvn†j <p>†h†Z cvi†e, hw` †mUvB Zzwg PvIl</p>
<p>What else might happen?</p> <p>The social worker may do one or more of the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer you and your family help and support. Arrange a meeting to decide what should happen next. (This is called a child protection conference and there is another leaflet which explains about this.) If it is absolutely necessary, we may need to arrange for you to stay in a safe place. This may be with a relative, friend, or, if this is not possible, a foster carer or a residential home. 	<p>Avi Ab` Kx NU†Z cv†i?</p> <p>mgvRKgx© wbgæwjwLZ wel†qi g†a` GKwU ev GKvwaK KvR Ki†Z cv†ibl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> †Zvgv†K Ges †Zvgvi cwievi†K mnh` Kivi cÖ` Íve w` †Z cv†ibl Gi c†i Kx Kx nIqv DwPZ †mB wmxvšÍ †bIqvi <p>Rb` wZwb GKwU mvjv†Zi e`e`v Ki†Z cv†ibl (G†K ejv nq wkí myjyv m††j†b Ges G m†ú†K© e`vL`v mn Ai GKwU cyw` ÍKv i†q†Ql)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> †Zvgv†K GKwU wbivc` `v†b ivLvi e†>ve` Í Kiv

Remember – abuse is wrong and it is never your fault

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Zv †m †Zvgvi †KvbI AvZxq eÜzi m½
nZ cvil Zv hw` G†Kev†iB mœe bv-nq
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†KvbI AvevwmK †nv†g ivLvi e`e`v nZ
cvil

**g†b †iL - †nb`v Lvivc wRwbm Ges
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