

<p>Child Protection Investigations</p> <p>Information for parents and carers.</p> <p>www.staffsscb.org.uk</p>	<p>wki myiyv mꝛúꝑK© Z`šÍ</p> <p>AwffveK I cwiPhv©Kvixꝑ`i Rb` Z_`l</p> <p>www.staffsscb.org.uk</p>
<p>Complaints</p> <p>If you have a complaint please contact the Social Worker involved with your child and and a complaints leaflet will be made available to you.</p> <p>Complaints should be made in writing within 28 days of the Conference to:</p> <p>Complaints Manager Staffordshire County Council Social Care and Health Directorate The Walton Building Martin Street Stafford ST16 2LH www.staffordshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>AwfꝑhvM Avcbvi ꝑKvbl AwfꝑhvM_vKꝑj AbyMÖn Kꝑi Avcbvi mšÍvꝑbi mꝑ½ RwoZ mgvRKgx©i mvꝑ_ ꝑhvMvꝑhvM Kiæb Ges GKwU AwfꝑhvMcÎ Avcwb cvꝑebl</p> <p>mꝑꝑšjꝑbi 28 w`ꝑbi gꝑa` wjwLZfvꝑe AwfꝑhvM RvbvꝑZ nꝑel AwfꝑhvM Rvbvꝑbvi wVKvbv:</p> <p>Complaints Manager Staffordshire County Council Social Care and Health Directorate The Walton Building Martin Street Stafford ST16 2LH www.staffordshire.gov.uk (Kgꝑcøb g`vꝑbRvi ꝑ`vꝑdvW©kvqvi KvDw>U KvDwÝj ꝑmvk`vj ꝑKqvi A`vÐ ꝑnj&_ wWꝑi±ꝑiU ` IqvjUb wewis gvwU©b wꝑaU ꝑ`vꝑdvW© GmwU16 2GjGBP www.staffordshire.gov.uk)</p>
<p>Remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are the most important person in your child's life. 	<p>gꝑb ivLꝑeb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avcbvi mšÍvꝑbi Rxeꝑb AvcwbB meꝑPꝑq _iæZj;c~Y© e`wꝑl

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your views and feelings will be heard and respected. • There is a commitment from all Child Welfare Agencies to help and support you at this difficult time. • If you are able to work with people who are committed to help you, it is likely that your child will remain safe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avcbvi ` ,wófw½ I Abyfe kÖxvnmKv‡iB †kvbv n‡el • Avcbvi GB mgm`vm¼zj mg‡q m‡vnh` I m‡vqZvi nvZ evwo‡q w`‡Z me wkıKj`vY G‡RwY cÖwZkÖæwZexl • hviv Avcbv‡K m‡vnh` Ki‡Z cÖwZkÖæwZex, Avcwb hw` Zv‡`i m‡‡_ KvR Ki‡Z cv‡ib, Z‡e Avcbvi mšÍvb wbivc‡`B _vK‡Z cvi‡el
<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 m‡vqK Z_` cvIqv hv‡e GLvb †_‡K:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • j †m‡mvBwUÖR wP‡i`Y c`v‡b‡ji m`m` GKRb mwjwmU‡ii Kv‡Ql • Avcbvi ` `vbxq wmwU‡RÝ A`vWfvBm ey`‡ivql • d`vwgwj ivBUm MÖæ‡c (Dc‡`k wefvM) †Uwj: 0800 7311 696 • wP‡i`Y wjM`vj †m>Uvi (wkı AvBb) - †Uwj: 0845 120 2948
<p>The Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board is a partnership between:</p> <p>If you would like this document in another language or format, e.g. large text, please contact the Communications Team (Children and Lifelong Learning) on 01785 278666.</p>	<p>`` ÷`v‡dvW©kvqvi †mdMvwW©s wP‡i`ab †evW© GKwU Askx`vwi cÖwZôvbl Askx`vwiZ; i‡q‡Q :</p> <p>GB bw_wU Avcwb Ab` fvlvq ev dig`v‡U, †hgb eo Aÿ‡i †jLv, PvB‡j AbyMÖn K‡i †hvMv‡hvM Kiæb KwgDwb‡Kkb wUg (wP‡i`ab</p>

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<p>Staffordshire County Council – Children and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Adult Social Care</p> <p>District Councils</p> <p>The Police Probation</p> <p>Youth Offending Services</p> <p>Health</p> <p>Connexions</p> <p>CAFCASS</p> <p>Young Offenders Institutes</p> <p>The Voluntary Sector</p> <p>Why does Children’s Social Care need to be involved?</p> <p>If Children’s Social Care is told by someone that your child may be suffering harm or may be at risk of suffering harm, the law says that they must look into the matter to ensure that your child is safe.</p> <p>They may receive referral information from a variety of places, indeed anyone can refer to Children’s Social Care if they are worried about a child.</p>	<p>Staffordshire County Council – Children and Lifelong Learning (±ˆv‡dvW©kvqvi KvDw»U KvDwÝj - wP‡iªb AˆvD jvBdjs jvwb©s) Adult Social Care (AˆvWvë †m vkˆvj †Kqvi ev eqˆ < mvgvwRK cwiPhv©)</p> <p>District Councils (wWw±ª± KvDwÝj)</p> <p>The Police Probation (cywjk †cÖv‡ekb ev cÖWZkÖæwZ gZ Acivax eˆw³ mrc‡_ Av‡Qb wK bv †ˆLvi AvBbvbyM eˆeˆˆv)</p> <p>Youth Offending Services (BD_ A‡dwDs mvwf©‡mm ev hye Acivax‡ˆi Rbˆˆ cwi‡lev)</p> <p>Health (†nj&_ ev ˆˆvˆˆˆˆ)</p> <p>Connexions (Kv‡bKkbm ev †hvMv‡hvM)</p> <p>CAFCASS (wm G Gd G Gm Gm)</p> <p>Young Offenders Institutes (BD_ A‡dDvm© Bbw±wUDUm ev hye Acivax‡ˆi Rbˆˆ cÖWZövb)</p> <p>The Voluntary Sector (Voluntary Sector ev †ˆˆˆQv‡mex †ÿl)</p> <p>wP‡iªY †m vkˆvj †Kqvi G‡Z RwoZ n‡e †Kb?</p> <p>†KD hwˆ wP‡iªY †m vkˆvj †Kqvi‡K Rvbvq †h, Avcbvi mšÍv‡bi †Kvbl ýwZ n‡ˆ”Q A_ev †m ýwZi mœšyLxb, Z‡e Avcbvi mšÍv‡bi wbivcËv mywbwðZ Ki‡Z AvBb Abyhvqx GB msˆˆv welqwU †ˆL‡Z evaˆl</p> <p>Zviv wewfbœ m~Î †_‡K Geˆˆvcv‡i Lei †c‡Z cv‡ib, Z‡e hwˆ mwZˆB †KD †Kvbl wkii mœú‡K© DwØMœ nb, wZwb AekˆB wP‡iªY †m vkˆvj †Kqvi‡K Rvbv‡Z cv‡ibl</p>
<p>What sort of harm?</p> <p>Harm in these circumstances means child abuse or child maltreatment. Somebody</p>	<p>Kx ai‡bi ýwZ n‡Z cv‡i?</p> <p>GB cwiwˆˆwZ‡Z ýwZ ej‡Z wki‡K †nbˆˆv ev wkii cÖWZ ˆye©ˆˆenvil GKwU</p>

<p>may abuse or neglect a child by harming them or also by not acting to prevent harm. It is often described in one of these ways:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical abuse • Emotional abuse • Sexual abuse • Neglect • Any combination of these Enquiries will also have to be made if a child is living with someone who has previously been involved in the abuse of another child. 	<p>ev”Pv†K †nb`v K†i A_ev Zv†K Ae†njv K†i †KD Zvi ýwZ Ki†Z cv†i wKsev Zvi GBai†bi ýwZ †_†K Zv†K bv-evuPv†bvl n†Z cv†il cÖvqkB wbgæwjwLZ fv†e G_†jv e`vL`v Kiv nq:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kvixwiK †nb`v • Abyf~wZi †nb`v • †hŠb †nb`v • Ae†njv • hw` ev”PwU Ggb GKR†bi m†½ RwoZ _v†K †h e`w³ Ab` †Kvbl ev”Pvi †nb`vi NUbvq RwoZ wQj, Z†e Gme †LvuRLei Aek`B Ki†Z n†el
<p>What is likely to happen?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The social worker and/or police officer involved will tell you about the concerns that have been reported about your child. It may not be possible to tell you who reported these concerns. • The social worker and/or police officer involved will need to talk to your child and any other children in your household. These interviews may be video recorded. This is to make sure that your child/ren is/are not questioned too many times. The video is then stored in a safe place by the police officer. • Where it has been suggested that someone has caused harm to your child/ren you are likely to be spoken to by a social worker and a police officer. • If you are able to talk openly with the people involved about the concerns the best decisions will be made for your child. 	<p>†Kvb NUbv NUvi mæçvebv i†q†Q?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • †h mgvRKgx© Ges/A_ev cywjk Awdmvi Gwb†q Kvr Ki†Qb, ZvuivB Avcbv†K Rvwb†q ††eb †h, Avcbvi mšÍvb mæú†K© †Kvb D†Ø†Mi K_v wi†cvU© Kiv n†q†Ql Z†e †K GB wi†cvU© K†i†Qb Zv Avcbv†K †evanq ejv mæçe n†e bvl • †h mgvRKgx© Ges/A_ev cywjk Awdmvi Gwb†q Kvr Ki†Qb, Zvuiv Avcbvi mšÍvb I Avcbvi evwo†Z Ab`vb` ev”Pvi m†½ K_v ej†ebvl GBme mvjvrKvi wfwWI †iKW© Kiv n†Z cv†il GB Kvi†Y GwU `iKvi †h, Avcbvi ev”Pv†`i †hb GKB cÖ†kæi gy†L evievi co†Z bv nq Zv mywbwðZ Kivl GB wfwWIwU Zvici cywjk Awdmvi myiwjZ `v†b †i†L ††ebvl • †hLv†b GiKg ejv n†e †h, †Kvbl e`w³ Avcbvi wkii ýwZmvab Ki†Q, Zv wb†q GKRb mgvRKgx© Ges GKRb cywjk Awdmvi Avcbvi mv†_ K_v ej†Z cv†ibl • GB Kv†R RwoZ e`w³`i mv†_ Avcbw hw` IB D†ØM wb†q †LvjuLywjfv†e K_v ej†Z

	<p>cvꞑib, Zvi gvaꞑꞑg Avcbvi mšÍvꞑbi Rbꞑ meꞑPꞑꞑ fvj wmxvšÍ nꞑZ cviꞑel</p>
<p>What else might happen?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes it may be necessary for a doctor to see your child. This will normally be a doctor who has a lot of experience of working with children. If there are other children in the family they may also need to be seen in order to make sure that they are alright. • You will be asked for your permission before your child is seen by a doctor (although if your child is old enough to understand what is happening they can give permission themselves). 	<p>Avi Kx Kx NUꞑZ cviꞑi?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KLbI KLbI GgbI nꞑZ cviꞑi, GKRb Wvꞑvi Avcbvi mšÍvbꞑK cixÿv Kꞑi ꞑ`LꞑZ cviꞑibl ꞑmꞑÿꞑÎ mvaviYZ ꞑmiKg GKRb WvꞑviB ꞑ`Lvꞑbv nq whwb evꞑPvꞑ`i mvꞑ_ KvR Kivi eꞑvcvꞑi cÖPzi AwfÁZvmꞑúbœl cwievꞑi hw` Abꞑvbꞑ evꞑPvi _vꞑK, Zꞑe Zviv wVKVvK AvꞑQ wK bv Zv wbdZ nIqvi Rbꞑ Zvꞑ`il cixÿv Kiv nꞑZ cviꞑil • Avcbvi mšÍvbꞑK Wvꞑvi cixÿv Kivi AvꞑM Avcbvi AbygwZi cÖꞑqvRb nꞑe (hw`I Kx NUꞑQ ꞑm mꞑúꞑK© Avcbvi mšÍvꞑbi hw` ꞑevSvi gZ eqm nq Zꞑe Zviv wbꞑRivI GB AbygwZ w` ꞑZ cviꞑe)
<p>Will my child/ren be taken away from me?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is often a very real concern for families. In the vast majority of reported child abuse cases it will be assessed that it is in the child's best interest for them to remain at home with their families. This is often where problems are sorted out most effectively. • Sometimes agreement is reached for children to stay with their extended family for a short time while enquiries are made. • If Children's Social Care believes it necessary, they can apply to the Court to protect your child if he/she is in danger of significant harm. • If the Police believe that your child is in immediate danger they can take your child to a safe place for up to 72 hours. A safe place may include a family member, a family friend, a foster carer or sometimes hospital. • Children's Social Care have to consider the safety and welfare of your child above 	<p>Avgvi mšÍvbꞑK wK Avgvi KvQ ꞑ_ꞑK mwiꞑq wbꞑq hvIqv nꞑe?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cÖvqkB G nj cwievꞑii KvꞑQ `viaY DꞑØꞑMi welql wkí ꞑnb` `vi ꞑhme NUbv wiꞑcvU© nq Zvi weivU eo Asꞑki ꞑÿꞑÎB mgxÿv Kꞑi ꞑ`Lv ꞑMꞑQ, evꞑPvꞑK Zvi cwievꞑii gꞑaꞑ ivLꞑjB meꞑPꞑꞑ fvj dj cvIqv ꞑhꞑZ cviꞑil ꞑmLvꞑbB mgmꞑvi meꞑPꞑꞑ Kvh©Kix mgvavb LyuꞑR cvIqv mꞑœe nql • Zꞑe KLbI KLbI GiKg Pzwꞑ Kiv nq ꞑh, Z`šÍ PjvKvjxb evꞑPvwU `^í mgꞑqi Rbꞑ Zvi ewa©Z cwievꞑii mꞑ½ emevm Kiꞑel • Avcbvi evꞑPvꞑK gvivZꞑK ÿwZi nvZ ꞑ_ꞑK wbivcꞑ` ivLvi Rbꞑ wPꞑiꞑÝ ꞑmvk`vj ꞑKqvi cÖꞑqvRb gꞑb Kiꞑj Av`vjꞑZ Avꞑe`bl KiꞑZ cviꞑil • cywj k hw` gꞑb Kꞑi Avcbvi mšÍvꞑbi mvgꞑb Awejꞑꞑ^ ÿwZi mꞑœvebv iꞑqꞑQ, Zviv Lye

all else, but they also have a responsibility to try to enable families to stay together.

After the investigation – what happens next?

Children’s Social Care may do one or more of the following:-

- Take no further action.
- Offer you advice and help. This help may also be provided by other professionals or organisations.
- Arrange a meeting to decide what will happen next. (This is called an Initial Child Protection Conference – there is another leaflet that explains about this.)
- If it is absolutely necessary, take legal action in order to protect your child.

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What are my rights as a parent?

You have the right to:-

- Be listened to and supported throughout the investigation.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be involved in what is happening and told about the decisions that are being made. • Be told in writing about the outcome of the investigation when it is over. • Be able to complain if you feel that you were not treated fairly and have your complaint dealt with. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hv NUᄁQ ZvᄁZ AvcbvᄁK AskMÖnY Kwiᄁq ᄁblqv nᄁe Ges ᄁhme wmxvšÍ ᄁblqv nᄁe ZvI AvcbvᄁK Rvbvᄁbv nᄁel • Z`šÍ ᄁkl nIqvi ci Kx Zvi djvdj nj Zv AvcbvᄁK wjwLZ AvKvᄁi Rvbvᄁbv nᄁel • Avcwb hw` gᄁb Kᄁib ᄁh Avcbvi mᄁ½ fvj e`envi Kiv nᄁ”Q bv, Zᄁe Avcwb AwfᄁhvM RvbvᄁZ cviᄁeb Ges Avcbvi AwfᄁhvM ,iæZᄁ mnKvᄁi weᄁePbv Kiv nᄁel
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