

<p>Core Groups</p> <p>Information for parent and carers</p> <p>www.staffsscb.gov.uk</p>	<p>†Kvi MÖæc</p> <p>AwffveK I cwiPhv©Kvix†`i Rb` Z_`l</p> <p>www.staffsscb.org.uk</p>
<p>What can I do if I disagree with the child protection plan?</p> <p>Members of the group may not agree about what to do for the best. If you feel strongly that your views have not been properly considered, you can do the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the group to think about the way you feel and to look for other options. • Speak to your child’s social worker, or another member, away from the meeting. • Ask an experienced advocate (a person skilled in speaking up for someone else) to come to future meetings with you and speak for you. (Remember to discuss this with your child’s social worker.) 	<p>wki myiyv cwiKÍbvi m†½ Avwg GKgZ n†Z bv-cvi†j Kx Kie?</p> <p>Kx Ki†j me†P†q fvj nq Zv wb†q MÖæ†ci m`†m`iv GKgZ bvl n†Z cv†ibl Avcbw hw` Mfxifv†e g†b K†ib †h, Avcbvi gZvgZ h_vh_fv†e we†ePbv Kiv n†”Q bv, Avcbw wbgæwjwLZ KvR,wj Ki†Z cv†ibl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MÖæ†K ej†Z cv†ib Avcbw †hfv†e g†b Ki†Qb Zv wb†q fve†Z Ges Ab`vb` Dcv†qi w`†K bRi w`†Z MÖæ†K ej†Z cv†ibl • %œV†Ki evB†i wM†q Avcbvi mšÍv†bi mgvRKgx©i m†½ K_v ej†Z cv†ib, A_ev Ab` †KvbI m`†m`i m†½l • †KvbI AwfÁ A`vW†fv†KU†K (whwb A†b`i n†q K_v ejvi e`vcv†i `y) fwel`†Zi ^eVK,†jvq Avcbvi m†½ Dcw`’Z n†Z Ges Avcbvi n†q K_v ejvi Rb` ej†Z cv†ibl (GB e`vcv†i Avcbvi mšÍv†bi mgvRKgx©i m†½ K_v e†j wb†Z fyj†eb bvl)
<p>Complaints</p> <p>If you have a complaint this should be made in writing to:</p> <p>Complaints Manager Staffordshire County Council Social Care and Health Directorate The Walton Building Martin Street</p>	<p>Awf†hvM</p> <p>Avcbvi †KvbI Awf†hvM_vK†j Zv wjwLZ AvKv†i Rvbv†Z n†e GB wVKvbvq: Complaints Manager Staffordshire County Council Social Care and Health Directorate The Walton Building Martin Street</p>

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<p>Remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are the most important person in your child's life. 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. <p>Safeguarding Children Board</p>	<p>gþb ivLþeb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avcbvi mšl'vþbi Rxeþb AvcwbB meþPþq ,iæZ;c~Y© e'w³l Avcbvi `,,wófw½ I Abyfe kÖxvmnKvþiB †kvbv nþel Avcbvi GB `ytþLi w`þb mvnvh` I mnvqZvi nvZ evwoþq w`þZ me wkiKj'vY GþRwÝ cÖwZkÖæwZexl hviv AvcbvþK mvnvh` KiþZ cÖwZkÖæwZex, Avcwb hw` Zvþ`i mvþ_ KvR KiþZ cvþib, Zþe Avcbvi mšl'vb wbivcþ`B _vKþZ cviþel <p>Safeguarding Children Board</p>
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- 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 (advice line for young people) – Tel: 0800 783 2187

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- Staffordshire County Council – Children and Lifelong Learning
- Adult Social Care
- District Councils
- The Police Probation
- Youth Offending Services
- Health
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<p>health visitors and teachers. If your child is of sufficient age and understanding they may also choose to be involved with the core group.</p>	<p>e`w³`i wb`qB GB †Mvôx ^Zwi nql G‡Z memg`qB Avcbvi mšÍv`bi mgvRKgx©`K ivLv nql GQvov Ab`vb`i g`a`_v`Kb ^v`´ cwì`k©K Ges wký`Kivl Avcbvi mšÍv`bi hw` †evSvi gZ h`_ó eqm n`q wM`q _v`K, Zv`KI GB †Mvôx`Z mvwgj Kiv nql</p>
<p>What does a core group do?</p> <p>A core group puts in place arrangements for making positive changes to keep your child safe from harm.</p> <p>Details of these arrangements will be written down in a child protection plan which you will be given a copy of.</p>	<p>†Kvi MÖæc wVK Kx K`i?</p> <p>Avcbvi mšÍv`bi K ýwZi nvZ †_`K evuPv`Z GB †Mvôx mwVK `v`b Dchy³ e`e`´v MÖnY K`i BwZevPK cwieZ©b wb`q Av`ml</p> <p>GBme e`e`´vejx m`ú`K© we`ÍvwiZ fv`e †jLv nq wkì myiýv cwiKíbvq Ges hvi GKwU cÖwZwjwc Avcbv`K †Iqv n`el</p>
<p>What might be in the child protection plan?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How your child’s health and development will be monitored. • What services will be provided to your family. • How family relationships affect your child. • Things you need to do to keep your child safe. • The dates and times you will see professionals. <p>The progress of the child protection plan will be discussed at future meetings called child protection reviews. This will help us to decide whether your child will continue to need a child protection plan.</p>	<p>wkì myiýv cwiKíbvq Kx Kx _vK`Z cv`i?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avcbvi mšÍv`bi ^v`´ I evo †Kgbfv`e n`´Q Zv bRi Kiv nql • Avcbvi cwievi`K Kx Kx cwi`lev †Iqv n`el • †Kgbfv`e cwiev`ii G`K Ac`ii g`a`´ m`ú`K© Avcbvi mšÍv`bi Ici cÖfve †d`j • mšÍv`bi K wbivc`´ ivLvi Rb` †hme KvR Avcbvi Kiv `iKvil • †ckv`vi`i m`½ Avcbvi wgwjZ nIqvi ZvwiL I mgql <p>wkì myiýv cwiKíbvq KZ`~i Kx Kiv †Mj Zv wb`q Av`jvPbv n`e c`ii ^eVK,`jvq G`K ejv nq wkì myiýv cwiKíbv cybwe©`ePbv ^eVKl Gme ^eVK Avgv`i wm×všÍ wb`Z mvnvh` K`i †h, Avcbvi mšÍv`bi Rb` wkì myiýv cwiKíbvq Avi cÖ`qvRb Av`Q wK bvl</p>
<p>How often does a core</p>	<p>†Kvi MÖæc KZ NbNb</p>

<p>group meet?</p> <p>A core group meets as often as the members think is necessary to bring about change. The first meeting will take place within 10 days of the initial Child Protection Conference.</p> <p>Meetings will then be every 4-6 weeks until your child is no longer subject to a child protection plan. Only a Child Protection Conference can make the decision that your child no longer needs a child protection plan, this decision cannot be made by the core group.</p>	<p>GKÍ nq?</p> <p>cwieZ©b Avbvi Rb` hZ NbNb wgwjZ nIqv cÖqRb eþj þeva Kiþeb m`þm`iv ZZevi Zvuiw GKwÍZ nbl cÖv_wgK wki myiþv mþþþþb þkl nIqvi ci 10 w` þbi gþa GB þMvðx cÖ_g ^eVK Kþi _vþKl</p> <p>Zvi ci þ_þK hZw`b bv Avcbvi mšlvþbi wki myiþv cwiKíþvi Avi cÖqRb _vKþQ, ZZw`b cÖwZ 4-6 mþvn aþi ^eVK nþel GKgvÍ GKwU wki myiþv cwiKíþv mþþþþb w` `i Kiþe þh Avcbvi mšlvþbi wki myiþv cwiKíþvi Avi cÖqRb þbBl GB wmxvšÍ þKvi MÓæc wbþZ cviþe bvl</p>
<p>Can I bring someone with me to the meetings?</p> <p>If you feel you need support, you can bring someone with you to the meetings. You should ask your child's social worker who to bring as confidential information will be discussed at the meeting.</p>	<p>^eVþK Avwg wK KvDþK mþ½ Kþi wbþq AvmþZ cvie?</p> <p>Avcbw hw` gþb Kþib Avcbvi mnvqZv `iKvi, Avcbw Aek`B KvDþK mþ½ wbþq AvmþZ cvþibl KvþK Avbþeb þme`vcvþi Avcbvi mšlvþbi mgvRKgx©i mþ½ Avcbvi Avþjvþbv Kþi þbIqv DwPZl KviY GB ^eVþK þMvcbxq Z` wbþq Avþjvþbv Kiv nþel</p>
<p>What should I do before the first meeting?</p> <p>Your social worker will explain what is likely to happen at the meeting. Try to think of things that may need to change for your child or your family. It may help if you have your ideas written down to take to the first meeting.</p>	<p>cÖ_g ^eVþKi AvþM Avgvi Kx Kiv DwPZ?</p> <p>^eVþK Kx Kx nþZ cvþi þm mþþþK© Avcbvi mgvRKgx©B AvcbvþK Rvwbþq ivLþebl Avcbvi mšlvþb A_ev cwievþii þhme cwieZ©b cÖqRb, þm mþþþK© fvevi þPóv Kiþebl cÖ_g ^eVþK hvþZ Avcbvi fvebv `úó Kþi w`þZ cvþib, Zvi Rb` fvebv, þjv wjþL ^eVþK wbþq hvbl</p>

What can I expect to happen at the first meeting and what will I have to do?

The person who chairs the meeting will introduce you to the other people (you should already know most of these people).

They will try to put you at ease by explaining how the meeting will work, what it hopes to achieve and how you can help to put the child protection plan together.

You will be able to contribute your own ideas and your reasons for them. Other members of the core group should be prepared to listen and to give their reasons for agreeing or disagreeing with you.

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