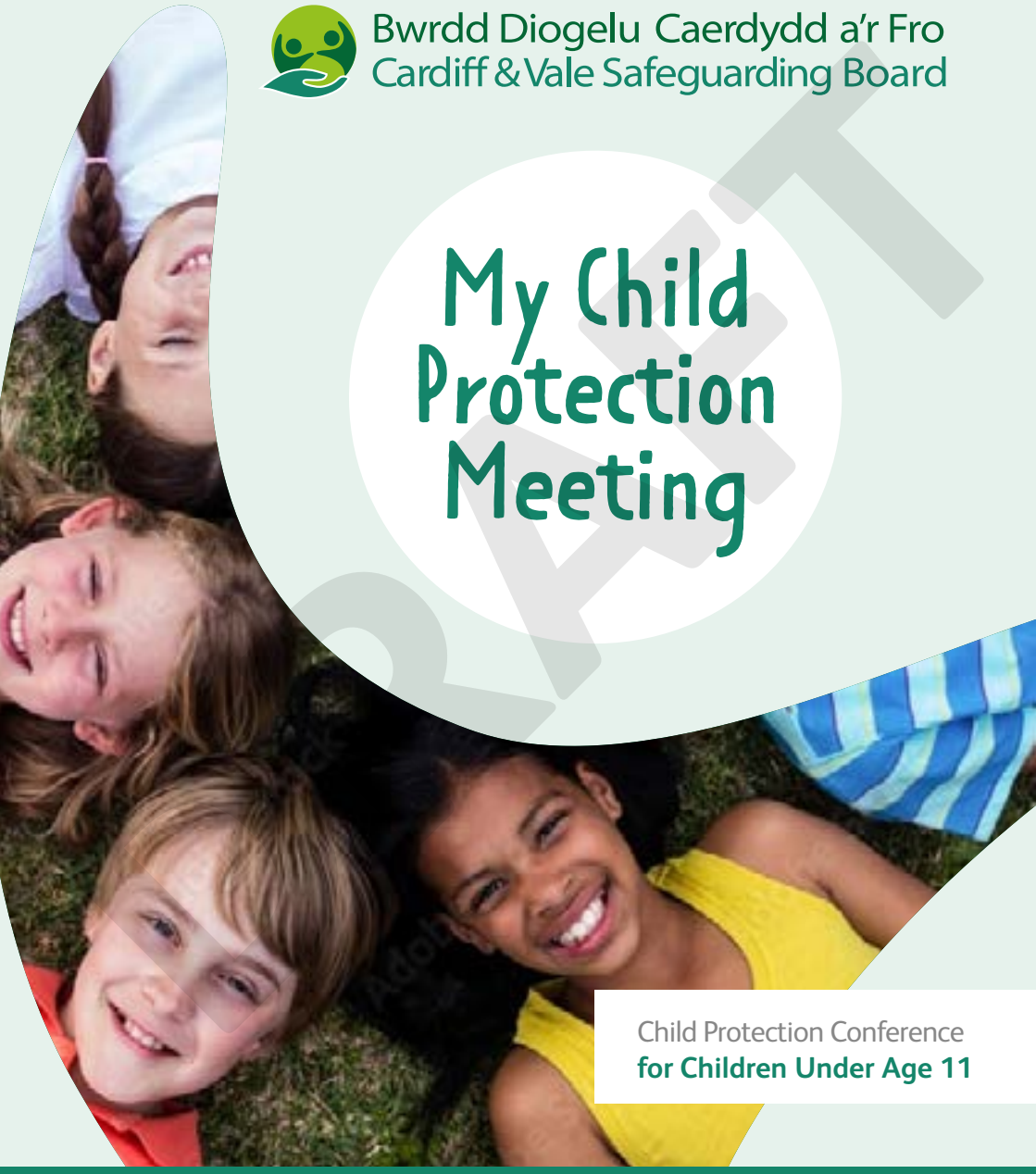
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My Child Protection Meeting



Child Protection Conference
for Children Under Age 11

Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg

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What is a Child Protection Conference?



Child protection is when Children's Services work with children and families to help parents/carers keep you safe and out of danger. Sometimes people can hurt children by making them feel sad, not looking after them properly, or harming them in other ways. This is not right. This might lead to a meeting where- keeping you safe will be discussed - this is called a Child Protection Conference Meeting. This meeting will make a plan to keep you safe, and your views will be listened to.

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Can I go to my Child Protection Conference Meeting?



It is important for people that attend the meeting to hear what you feel, what you think about home and if you have any worries. You might be too young to attend this meeting, but it does not mean that your thoughts and feelings cannot be shared.

To help you share them you can talk to a person called "**an Advocate**" who can meet with you, listen to what you want to say and share it at the meeting; this person can also meet you to tell you what happened at the meeting.

You can also speak to the person who will run the conference, this is the **chairperson**. They will make sure everyone understands what the problems are.

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Who might be at the meeting?

Your parents or carers will be invited to the meeting. The Chair of the Child Protection Conference will also be there. Other professionals who are likely to be invited are:

- Your School Teacher
- Your Social Worker
- Your Parents/Carers
- Your Advocate (if you have agreed for this support)
- Your Doctor
- Your School Nurse
- A Police officer, who does not wear a uniform (you are not in any trouble, they always attend these meetings).
- Other family members or people working with your family

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What happens at a Conference?

Everyone will talk about the things they think have been good and that work well. They will also say what they have been worried about.

A plan will be made at the end of the meeting which will say what needs to happen to make things better at home for everybody.

The meeting needs to decide if your name needs to go on a list called the Child Protection Register.



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What happens next?

A group of people that offer you support will meet with your family to help with the plan. This is called a Core Group, who will meet regularly, and you can be part of that meeting too. They will discuss how we can make things better. There will be things your parents, Social Worker or others need to do. There might be some things you need to do too, like going to school or talking to an adult you trust.

You will have a social worker who will make sure you can always have your say at the meetings.



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What Can I Do If I'm Not Happy?

If you don't agree with the decisions made at the Conference, or if you think that you have not been listened to, you should speak to your Social Worker or advocate after the meeting. Tell them what you are not happy about and ask them how they can help you. If they are not able to help, you can make a complaint.

You can also make a complaint, which your social worker or advocate can give you more information about.

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Useful Contact Details

Your Social Worker is:

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They can be contacted on:

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or call and ask for Children's Services on:

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Your Child Protection Conference chairperson is:

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They can be contacted on:

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NYAS Advocacy Team:
0808 808 1001

Children's Commissioner:
Freephone: 0808 801 1000

ChildLine: 0800 1111
(A free 24-hour counselling service for children and young people up to their 19th birthday in the UK provided by the NSPCC)

If you want to make a complaint or share a compliment:

Cardiff Social Services Complaints Office:
Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm

Tel: 02920 873663

Email:
socialservicescomplaints@cardiff.gov.uk

Vale Social Services Complaints Office:

Tel: 01446 704800

Email:
socialservicescomplaints@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

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