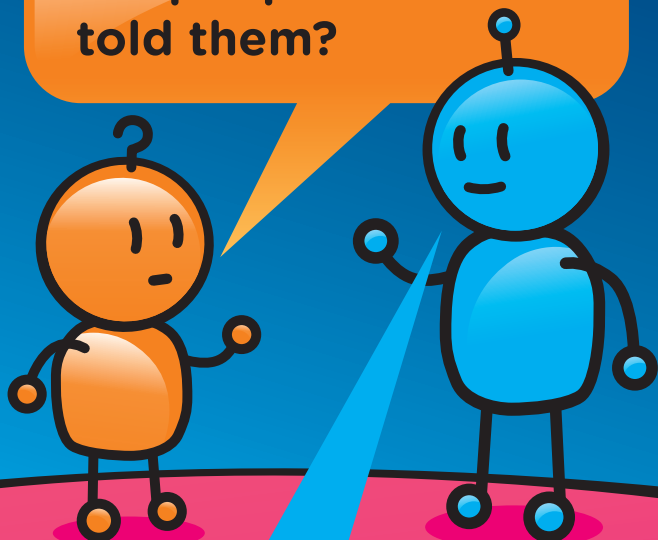


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Won't the advocate tell people what I've told them?



An advocate will keep what you say confidential unless you would like them to tell someone.

The only time they would tell any one, is if what you said made them think that you or somebody else is at risk of harm.

In this case they would have to talk to someone but would always try and talk to you about it first.

How can I talk to an advocate?



You can contact an advocate using the information below.

You can meet with the advocate with an adult, or on your own.

It's your choice.

Contact Info

Telephone:

020 8899 6555

Email:

bromley@adventadvocacy.co.uk

Web:

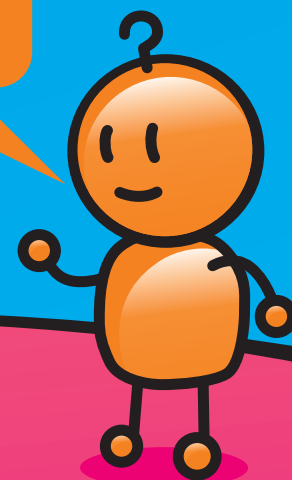
www.adventadvocacy.co.uk

Or write to:

**Advent Advocacy,
Building 3 Chiswick Park,
566 Chiswick High Road,
London, W4 5YA**

How can an
advocate
help you
with a
**Child
Protection
Conference?**

Have
your say!





What is a Child Protection Conference (CPC)?

A Child Protection Conference is a meeting that is arranged when there are concerns about your safety or the safety of a member of your family.

It will be decided at the meeting whether or not there is a risk of significant harm. If it is decided at the meeting that you are at serious risk of being harmed then a Child Protection Plan will be put in place.

If it is decided that your safety is not at risk, they might decide that your family needs some help and support in caring for you and they may make a Child in Need Plan. This plan will make sure everyone knows what they have to do to keep you safe. You will get a copy of this plan from your social worker after the conference.



How do I give my views to the conference?

It is important for your views and wishes to be heard at the conference. The person who runs the meeting is the Chairperson. You can speak to the Chairperson before the meeting starts about attending the meeting and whether you want to talk or stay for the whole meeting.

You can have the support of an Independent Advocate for your meeting.



What is an advocate?

An advocate can do lots of things that help you have your say about your care and in decisions that affect you.

They can help your voice be heard when you feel people have not been listening to you or the problems you are having.

An advocate will help you with things like problems you may be having in your placement with the care you are having, bullying or any worries you have about family, contact, money, the people caring for you or other professionals.

They will go with you and support you in meetings, like your Looked After Child review or Child Protection Conference, and speak for you if you don't feel confident.

They can tell you about your rights and help you make a complaint if you are unhappy about any of the decisions that are being made or the way you are being dealt with.



How much does it cost to get help from an advocate?

You don't need to worry about paying for an advocate. The advocacy service is free of charge to you and paid for by the London Borough of Bromley.