

Child Protection Conference Process

A Request for an Initial Child Protection Conference (ICPC) has been made

The S47 triggers the booking form no later than 6 working days from the Strategy Discussion being held. The Safeguarding and Reviewing Unit makes arrangements to hold an ICPC within 15 working days of the Strategy Discussion being held.

Initial Child Protection Conference

The ICPC includes all professionals who are involved with the family. Together it is decided whether a Child Protection Plan (CP Plan) should be put in place.

No Child Protection Plan

The CP Conference agrees that no CP Plan is required but it may be that Section 17 services are required.

Child Protection Plan

The CP Conference agrees that a CP Plan is required.

Core Group

The Core Group meets 10 working days following the ICPC to follow through the CP Plan led by the child's Social Worker.

Review Child Protection Conference (RCPC)

Within three months of the ICPC an RCPC is convened to review the progress of the CP Plan and decides whether to either:

To end the Child Protection Plan

This maybe due to:

- the child protection issues are resolved,
- services maybe required under Section 17 or
- the child is protected through other procedures i.e., child in care so the CP Plan is no longer required.

or

To continue with a Child Protection Plan

The CP Conference agrees that a CP Plan continues to be required as there is suspected actual harm or likely significant harm. The CP Plan would then be reviewed every six months at an RCPC and core group meetings will be held every 4 weeks to review the CP Plan.