



Social Services for Children

CHILD PROTECTION CASE CONFERENCE FEEDBACK ANALYSIS (child / young person)

1st April 2012 – 30th Sept 2012

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**Child Protection Case Conference Feedback Analysis
(Child / Young Person)
1 April 2012 – 30 Sept 2012
(The Analysis is based on 2 questionnaires)**

In total, only 2 evaluation forms were returned for the period of this report. Neither of them seemed to be filled in completely. One young person only filled in 9 questions and the other the other 10 questions out of possible 15. It is quite possible that young people are not being given enough time at the end of the conference to fully complete the questionnaires.

The results of this report are therefore very inconclusive and do not give a clear picture of young people attending Child Protection Conferences.

Gender

1 young person who returned the questionnaire was male and 1 female.

Child Protection Conference Booklet

1 young person had received the booklet about Child Protection Conferences before the meeting. She did not comment on what she thought of the booklet. She indicated that no-one helped her go through the booklet before the conference. The other young person decided not to provide answers to the questions about Child Protection Conference Booklet.

Who told you about the Child Protection Conference taking place?

1 young person had been told about Child Protection Conference by the social worker and 1 person did not answer this question.

Before the case conference...

Both young people received an explanation about why there was going to be a case conference.

Both young people had met with a Conference Buddy which they all found useful.

1 respondent said he was asked if he wanted to go to the case conference and the other said she wasn't.

No-one was asked if they wanted to bring a friend or an advocate to help them express their views and wishes.

1 young person did not have the conference report explained to them and the other one did.

Both met with the Chair before the conference.

The question whether the conference was held at a time which suited the young person needs amending. "Was the conference held at a time which suited you? "This is followed by a question in brackets: " (did it clash with any

school trip or activity you wanted to attend)?" Same person would first say 'Yes' and then 'No'. It is therefore impossible to say which answer the young person wanted to give.

1 young person answered Yes and 1 said No but as explained above it is impossible to know which part of the same question they were answering.

1 young person said she didn't ask if the date of the conference could be changed and the other person didn't answer the question.

1 young person said he was not asked if there was anyone who they didn't want to be at the conference the other child did not answer the question.

At The Conference

In this section only 1 person provided the answers, the other did not complete this section.

The person who provided the answers said that everyone introduced themselves. He was asked before the conference what he wanted to say and was given the opportunity to talk at the meeting. He understood most of what was being said and was asked about his views and feelings. He said he felt involved in the meeting but did not provide the answer whether he was able to ask questions. People speaking on his behalf did so accurately. He felt comfortable at the conference.

He did not provide any answers to the last 5 questions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Neither of the two questionnaires received were filled in completely. It is quite possible that young people are not being given enough time at the end of the conference to fully complete the questionnaires.
- Social Services must actively promote the completion of the survey forms following Child Protection Case Conferences in order to increase the number of received forms and enable a better assessment of issues.
- The question whether the conference was held at a time which suited the young person needs amending. The first part of the question says: "Was the conference held at a time which suited you? " Let's say the answer is 'yes'. This is followed by another question in brackets: " (Did it clash with any school trip or activity you wanted to attend?)" Same person would then have to answer 'No'. It is therefore impossible to say which answer the respondent wanted to give.

- **No-one was asked if they wanted to bring a friend or an advocate to help them express their views and wishes. Social workers have to be reminded to offer this service to young people.**
- **1 young person did not have the conference report explained to them and the other one did. Social workers need to be reminded that this is an important part of their responsibilities at every Child Protection conference.**