

CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES

AGENCY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Agency name	PRIMARY CARE
Our role / responsibility	To provide primary medical services to patients and work with statutory agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in line with the Children Act 2004.
Information we contribute to the conference	We hold information on the child and family members. We are the central repository for medical information from primary and secondary care. We contribute medical information including mental health and substance misuse issues. We may hold other relevant information such as the family support network and we may have seen the child face to face and have formed an opinion on the welfare of the child.
Information we do not have access to or contribute to the conference	We may have information from the school nurse and health visitor, but this is not always the case. We no longer have information shared with us on Child and Young Person (CYP) forms from the police, so we are often not aware of any police concerns. Sometimes we get information from Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC). We do not receive information from police on Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), patients on sexual offenders list or forensic histories.
How we contribute and why	Primary care should be providing a report for case conferences. Attending case conferences is very difficult as it means cancelling a clinic of approximately 20 patients. However if the GP is very involved with the family they are encouraged to attend.

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