

PUBLIC LAW OUTLINE (PLO)

Easy Read Information for Parents about Court Proceedings

Introduction

Children and Family Services are worried about the care of your child.

Your child's social worker is responsible for:

- Making a plan that keeps your child safe now and in the future
- Arranging a meeting with you and your solicitor to talk about what is worrying us about your child and how you are looking after them ,
- Finding what needs to change to improve things.

What happens next?

Your social worker has arranged a meeting with you and your solicitor to:

- Explain the worries of Children and Family Services
- Agree if they can support you to make changes to stop going to court.
- Sometimes if Children and Family Services believe that you can make changes they may not go to court.
- Find any family members who will be able to help or care for your child if needed

What you need to do next:

- Contact a solicitor – a list has been attached to the letter
- Tell us about family who can help
- Tell your child's social worker that you will come to the meeting
- Come to the meeting with your solicitor

What will happen if you do nothing?

Children and Family Services could go to court, which could mean your child is no longer looked after by you.

Who to contact if you do not understand what is happening:

You should make contact with your child's social worker immediately. If they are not there you must ask to speak with their manager

Our contact details

If you don't know the social worker's phone number please ring customer care.

Telephone: 01495 762200

And ask to speak with your child's Social Worker or Team Manager