



What is a  
**Child Protection  
Planning Meeting?**





# What you need to know about Child Protection Planning Meetings



What is a **child protection planning meeting** ?

It is a meeting arranged to **discuss keeping you safe.**



What does a **child protection planning meeting** do?

- **Discusses** anything causing concern about you and your family.
- Considers how best to **protect** you.
- **Considers** whether a referral to the **Children's Reporter** should be made. ([www.scra.gov.uk](http://www.scra.gov.uk))
- Considers how best to **support you and your family.**



## Can I attend the **child protection planning meeting?**



**Yes you can.**

This might include coming to all or part of the meeting, writing something down, drawing a picture or asking someone to speak for you.

Sometimes children and young people don't want to go to the meeting or it might not be safe to go. However, your views are really important and a social worker will talk to you about giving your views.

## Who **else will be** at the **meeting?**



People who know you and your family well such as family members, carers, health visitor, school nurse, doctor, teacher, police officer and social worker.



## Can I **bring someone** with me?

**Yes you can.**

You can have an advocate to provide you support as well. An advocate is someone independent who supports you, listens to you, makes sure your voice is heard and your rights are protected. Discuss this with your social worker and they can help you decide the best person to support you.

## What can the **meeting decide**?

- You and your family might need **some extra help to keep you safe** and **your name is placed** on the Child Protection Register.
- You and your family **need some help** but your name is **not placed** on the Child Protection Register. You can't be kept safe at home and need to live somewhere else.
- A referral to the **Children's Reporter**.
- You and your family are doing fine and **don't need any extra help**.



# What is the Child Protection Register?

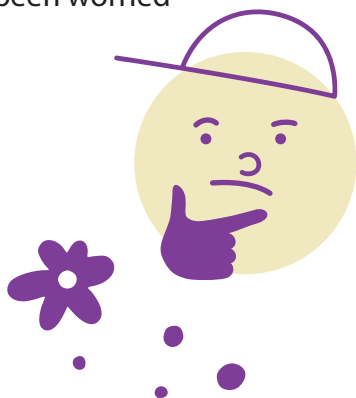
**It is a list of children whose families and carers need extra support to keep them safe.** It allows people who might be worried about you such as your teacher, doctor or social worker to give you help and support quickly.

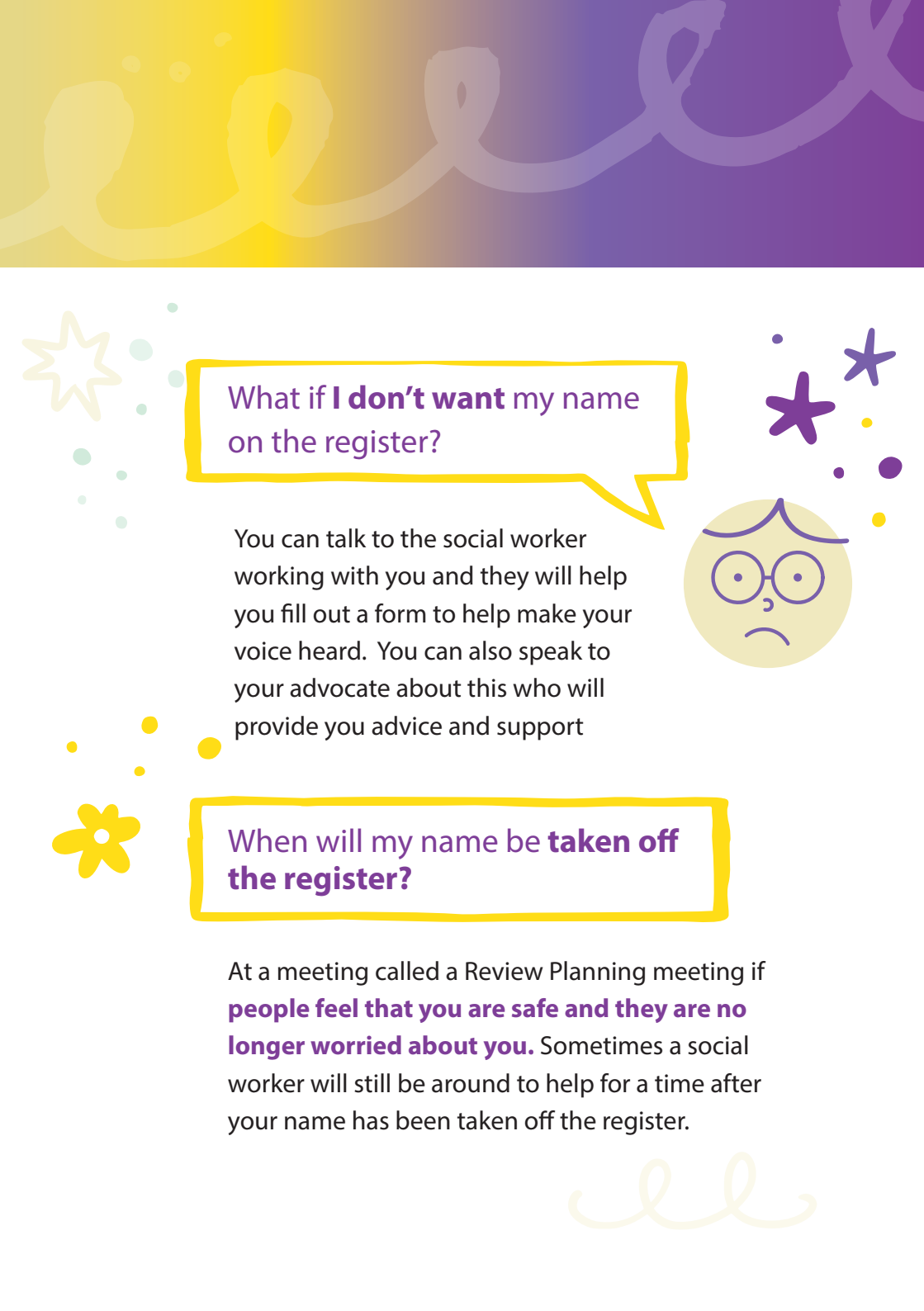
**Why is my name on the register?**

You and your family **need extra support** to keep you safe.

**What is on the register?**

Your name, your date of birth, your address and some information about **why** people have been worried about you.






## What if I **don't** want my name on the register?

You can talk to the social worker working with you and they will help you fill out a form to help make your voice heard. You can also speak to your advocate about this who will provide you advice and support



## When will my name be **taken off** the register?

At a meeting called a Review Planning meeting if **people feel that you are safe and they are no longer worried about you**. Sometimes a social worker will still be around to help for a time after your name has been taken off the register.



## Who is the **Children's Reporter**?

The Reporter is a person who helps make decisions about **children who might need extra help or protection.**

If someone is worried about you, the Reporter looks into what's happening in your life by asking for information from places like school, doctors, or social workers. The Reporter then decides if there should be a Children's Hearing, where important decisions about your safety and care are made.

The Reporter makes sure there is enough proof to show that you need help, and that it's the right time to go to a hearing. The Reporter helps organise the hearing, keeps track of what happens, and makes sure everything is fair. Their job is to make sure you get the right help and that everyone listens to your needs.

Just ask us **anything**  
you are not sure of.





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### Useful numbers and links:

Childline [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) 0800 1111

Police Scotland 101

Clackmannanshire Council Social Work: (day) 01259 225000  
(night time) 01786 470500

Scottish Children's Reporter 0300 200 1555

Administration (SCRA): [www.scra.gov.uk](http://www.scra.gov.uk)

Who Cares? 0330 107 7540

[hello@whocarescotland.org](mailto:hello@whocarescotland.org)

Voiceability 0300 303 1660

[helpline@voiceability.org](mailto:helpline@voiceability.org)

Forth Valley Advocacy 01324 320 986

[info@forthvalleyadvocacy.com](mailto:info@forthvalleyadvocacy.com)

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### Formats

If you need help or this information supplied in an alternative format please call 01259 450000.

