

Planning and Arranging an Interview

To enable us to support your child in the interview. We will compile a plan by gathering information from those who know your child best. This may include you, family members (where appropriate), school, health, and other professionals.

A social worker or police officer may contact you to ask you some questions to help inform the plan for a joint interview. They will ask you the following questions:

- What are your child's strengths and interests?
- How does your child respond when under stress?
- Does your child have diagnosed additional needs for example, mental health or a neurodevelopmental condition?
- How comfortable is your child outside of their usual environment and routines?
- How able are they to listen and focus?
- How might we best support them?

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Falkirk Council: 01324 506070

Stirling Council: 01786 404040

Clackmannanshire Council: 01259 225000

Out of Hours Social Work for Forth Valley: 01786 470500

Police: 101

NHS: 111

SCOTTISH CHILD INTERVIEW MODEL INFORMATION LEAFLET

Going to an Interview: Information for Parents and Carers



Forth Valley Child Interview Team :

FALKIRK COUNCIL



Clackmannanshire Council



Why has your child been Referred for a Joint Investigative Interview

Your child is being interviewed because a concern has been raised which requires further investigation.

In Forth Valley (Falkirk, Stirling & Clackmannanshire) the decision to undertake a Joint Investigative Interview with a child is made jointly by social work, police, education and Health within an Interagency Referral Discussion.

Concerns may have been raised by-

- Your child
- A member of the public or family member
- Another professional
- A Joint Interview will help your child to give their own account of events.

What is a Joint Investigative Interview

A Joint Investigative Interview is a planned interview that is carried out by a trained social worker and police officer (who will not be in uniform).

The purpose of the Joint Investigative Interview is to gain your child's account of something that may have happened to them, or they might have witnessed something that may have caused concern for others.

The interview will take place in a professional building that is suitable for children's needs.

The interview room will be a quiet and calm space to help your child to give their account of what may have happened.

We ask that your child's support person, either a family member or another person who your child knows, and trusts brings them to the interview. We ask that they stay in the break room during the interview and be available to support the child during any breaks in the interview.

Taking part In an Interview

Your child will be asked by someone who knows them if they wish to take part in the interview.

A parent or carer with parental rights and responsibilities will be notified by social work and/or police of a decision to undertake a Joint Interview of your child.

All Joint Interviews are audio and visually recorded to ensure accuracy.

The recorded interview may be used as evidence if the case progresses to Court.

All recordings are safely and appropriately used, stored, and disposed of in line with the local authority and Police Scotland policies and procedures.

The Joint Investigative Process

The Scottish Child Interview Model is a trauma informed approach to joint investigative interviewing.

The interviewers who will be speaking to your child have undertaken specialist training to provide them with the knowledge and skills to carry out the interview.

The interviewers will treat your child with respect and will talk to your child at their pace. They will aim to prioritise your child's physical, psychological and emotional safety during the interview.