

SCOTTISH CHILD INTERVIEW MODEL INFORMATION LEAFLET

Going to your interview: A Guide for Young People



Why might you be needed for a Joint Investigative Interview?

A Joint Investigative Interview is carried out by trained people to help children talk about things that have happened to them.

There are lots of reasons why you might be asked about what has happened in a Joint Investigative Interview.

It may be because something has happened that has raised concern for your safety or the safety of someone else.

Talking about what has happened can help to keep you and others safe.

What will happen before your interview?

People will always check how you feel about coming to an interview and will answer any questions you have.

You can choose to bring a support person with you, who will be able to wait nearby while you are in the interview.

It is important you decide to come to an interview. Coming to an interview is your choice. You can change your mind at any time.

The people who are arranging the interview will ask you about times that are good for you to come. They will try not to make it a time when you have something else that is important to you.

Who will you talk to?

You will meet a police officer and a social worker.

Their job is to speak to children and young people about things that might have happened. We understand you may have lots of different feelings, but they will listen and support you.

What will happen at your interview

When you arrive, you and your support person will be welcomed and people who will introduce themselves and show you where the interview will take place.

They will also show you some equipment and what it will be used for.

The interview will be recorded using cameras and microphones. It is important to record everything you tell us so that you don't have to repeat this information lots of times.

The recording will be kept safe and only be seen by those who need to see it.

There will be two interviewers who will be part of the interview alongside you. Your support person will stay nearby to keep you company during breaks. You can see your support person at any time.

We will have a break during the interview. You can take a break anytime you need.

The interviewers will listen carefully to everything you want to tell them. They will ask you some questions. They will make sure they don't go too fast or too slow.

We have some fidget toys and some pens if you want to draw. There are snacks and drinks if you need one.

What happens next?

After the interview we will think about how to keep you safe.

We will talk to you about what will happen next and what support you might want or need.

Sometimes we might ask to speak to you again. It is always your decision about whether to speak to us.

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