



What is a Child Protection Plan?

A child protection plan is usually made when a Local Authority believes a child is at risk of suffering [significant harm](#).

There are 4 categories under a child protection plan, which are:

1. Neglect
2. Physical abuse
3. Sexual abuse
4. Emotional abuse

Usually, the Local Authority will organise an initial child protection conference, inviting parents (or those with [parental responsibility](#)) and other related professionals. This includes social workers, health visitors, school/nursery safeguarding leads, and police.

The professionals will share their concerns and identify areas they want to see an improvement in. There will be a scale at the end of the conference which states how concerned the professionals are about your current circumstances.

As part of this plan, you may be asked to engage with some form of an assessment or courses to develop your understanding of an area of concern.



This could include areas such as preventing domestic abuse or parenting. It is important that you engage with the plan as the Local Authority may escalate matters if no improvements are made.

How can we help?

At Smith Partnership, we can help you throughout the Local Authority's involvement. We have solicitors across the East Midlands who are experienced in child protection plans. If you would like to discuss this further please contact us on 0330 123 122.