

Name

Number

FGC Coordinator

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What is private family time?

During private family time, the coordinator and the agencies will leave the room to give you time to review the information provided. You will be able to discuss and agree on a plan that meets the child's or young person's needs and decide how you can check if the plan is working and what support you may need.

What happens next?

- The coordinator will make sure that everyone invited gets a copy of the plan.
- For the plan to work, everyone needs to do their part to make it happen.
- The coordinator will organise a Review FGC to discuss progress since the first FGC. This is to help celebrate success, make new plans or make any changes you feel are needed.



To find out more about our Family Group Conference, please contact a member of our team on one of the following ways:



FGC@sloughchildrenfirst.co.uk



01753 690775 (available between 09:30am – 2:30pm Mon-Fri)



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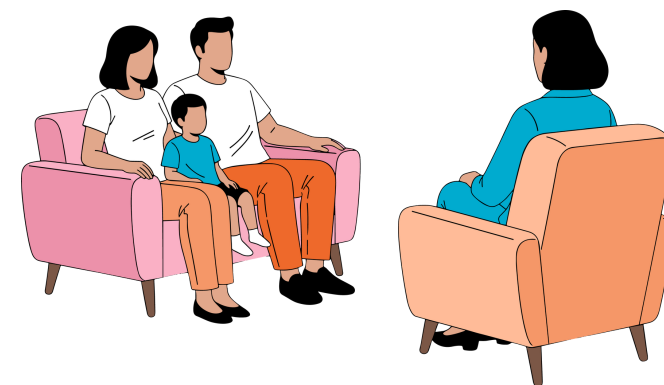
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A guide to Family Group Conferences for families



What is a Family Group Conference?

A Family Group Conference (FGC) is a family-led decision-making meeting.

FGC is a broad term and can include: parents, a child or young person, extended family, and close family friends. In an FGC, family members and friends will come together to discuss difficult situations that a family is facing, and they will talk about decisions that can be made to ensure the wellbeing of children and young people, and how they can sort out any problems.

We believe that children, young people and families know themselves best, what is currently working within the family network and those strengths that will bring about change. We will work with you to empower you to make sure that you find your own solutions to achieve positive outcomes for your family, children and young people now and in the future.

Why is an FGC needed?

Every family is unique, and all families have difficulties from time to time.



The FGC will help you and your family manage difficult conversations with each other and try to reach some joint decisions about how to move forward. The team are experienced restorative and solution-focused practitioners in managing emotional and difficult issues, safely and constructively with you and the referring social worker.

How does an FGC work?

Before a Family Group Conference, there will be an independent coordinator who will organise and coordinate the meeting. The coordinator will:

- Visit you and your child/young person and agree who will be invited to the meeting.
- Give you all the information you will need about the FGC and the reasons for it. The coordinator can also arrange for any additional support if needed, for example, an interpreter or an advocate.

Information shared with the coordinator will remain confidential unless it poses a risk to someone.

Who can come to an FGC?

Anyone who cares about the child or young person can be invited: close family, other relatives, including those who live a distance from you and friends who the child/young person feels are a part of your family.

The person who referred you will attend, and service providers and other professionals who are part of Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub Team may want to attend too. The child or young person is invited to come along to all or part of the meeting, but it is their choice. If they prefer, they could have what is called an advocate to support them in having their voice heard.

Where does the FGC take place?

Family Group Conferences take place outside the family home, at a time and place to suit everyone attending. Your coordinator will discuss options with you.

What happens during an FGC?

There are four stages to a Family Group Conference: information sharing, private family time, clarifying the plan and agreeing the plan.