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You can get this leaflet in large print, in Braille or on cassette by contacting us on 01307 473194.

We can provide this information in other languages if you need it.

ACCESS Angus 08452 777 778
your direct line for council services

W B Robertson
Director of Social Work

December 2001

Angus Council

Childcare reviews

A leaflet for parents

SOCIAL WORK

This leaflet explains why we have these meetings, how we arrange them, and how you can make your wishes known.

The purpose of a review is to look at how things are going for your child, and to make sure there is an agreed plan for a way forward. Everybody involved must be clear what their contribution to the plan is to have the best chance of success.

Your views and wishes are very important, and we will ask you what you want to happen. Your child's welfare is our most important concern and, if they are old enough, we will consider their wishes too.

We try to have the reviews at a time and place that is suitable and convenient for you. We can sometimes arrange transport to help you get to the review.

If you have concerns about coming to the meeting, or you would like a friend or relative to come with you to give you some support, this should be all right but please discuss this with the social worker.

What you can expect from your child's review

We will agree a care plan detailing what is going to happen and who will offer what support.

We will review this plan regularly. If your child is living at home, we will carry out the first review within three months of the date the local authority began to look after your child (that is the date of the child's hearing). After that, reviews will take place at least every six months and sometimes more often.

If your child is living away from home (for example in foster care), we will usually arrange a first review within three days of this happening. This is called a 'Reception into accommodation' meeting. We will arrange other meetings every four to six weeks, then every three months and then at least every six months after this (sometimes more often).

If your child is living away from home in secure accommodation, we will carry out reviews every month to make sure that your child is not in secure accommodation for a moment longer than necessary.

If your child is living away from home, the childcare review will discuss any education or healthcare needs your child has, as well as any offences they have committed.

If there are any other matters you want to discuss about the review beforehand, please contact the social worker as soon as possible.

We will send out a written minute or summary of the meeting after the review. This will record the plan and agreements that have been made, and also note any disagreements or things that were not sorted out, and how we will take these forward.

Contact points

Community Assessment and Review Officers
Academy Lane
Arbroath
Phone: 01241 435665

You can contact social workers through the local Social Work offices.

Arbroath - 01241 878585
Brechin - 01356 624771
Carnoustie - 01241 859884
Forfar - 01307 462405
Kirriemuir - 01575 572958
Monifieth - 01382 534244
Montrose - 01674 672702

Our aim is not only to meet our current standards but also to consider how we can improve them.

If you have any comments on the service you have received, or suggestions on how we can improve our standards, we would like to hear from you.

If you have a complaint about Social Work services, you can get a leaflet **What to do if you are not happy with services provided by Social Work** from any Social Work office.

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