Family Group Conference Service

About the programme
A Family Group Conferencing (FGC) is a process that empowers a family to make safe plans and decisions about their children and young people. The aim of the plan is to identify solutions for the issues that a family is facing. The family play a major part in identifying who they feel could make up their own support network.

The whole process is family led.

An FGC can be used in many situations. Here are some examples:
- Children are at risk of being looked after by the local authority.
- Anti-social behaviour is a problem.
- Improving school attendance – reducing risk of exclusion.
- Contact between parent and child.
- Family relationships breakdown and impacts on the child/ren.

The voice of the child
Independent advocates will be available to help support the child / young person or vulnerable adult through FGC process.

Who can I refer?
There are three things to consider when referring for a Family Group Conference:
1. There is a wider family network that is willing to get involved
2. There are important decisions which need putting into a plan.
3. The family want the conference and they are ready to make changes.

It’s the family’s choice. An FGC will only go ahead if the family agrees to it.

You can expect:
- The Family Group Conference Convenor will facilitate the FGC and arrange the meeting and review.

We expect that you:
- You are available throughout the process and attend the initial meeting and review.
- You will provide information and resources to support and assist the family in developing their own plan.

How can a family access this service?
Internal - Complete the EITS Referrer report for FGC(2) stored in Wisdom with signed parental consent to: EarlyHelpAccessTeam@kirklees.gov.uk
External - Complete the EITS registration/referral form and send by:
- Post: EHAT, Civic Centre 1, 1st Floor North, Huddersfield HD1 2NF
- Secure email address to EarlyHelpAccessTeam@kirklees.gcsx.gov.uk
- AnyComms secure file transfer

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