

### After The FGC

The co-coordinator will write up the family's plan and ensure that everyone who was invited receives a copy.

The referrer and other professionals need to support, resource and implement any aspects of the plan that involve them or their agency as soon as possible.



### The Review Meeting

Most plans need looking at again to see how they are going. Usually within 2 or 3 months everyone comes together again to discuss progress

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### What Is The Hampton Trust?

The Hampton Trust is a charity that works across Hampshire & the IOW, offering programmes for domestic abuse, children and young people and parenting. It has a history of involvement in Family Group Conferencing programmes.

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## Family Group Conferences



Information  
For  
Referrers & Service  
Providers

## What Is A Family Group Conference? (FGC)

- ❖ It is a meeting for family and friends so that their support and strengths can be used to help make the best possible plan for the child/children.
- ❖ It is convened and run by an independent co-coordinator.

### Why Use A FGC?

- ❖ When everyone who cares is involved and consulted the best results are achieved.
- ❖ Professionals and families need to work in partnership to keep children safe.
- ❖ With the relevant information and support families can make lasting changes.



### How Can Referrals Be Made?

The referral process is simple

- ❖ Contact the Programme Manager (details over)
- ❖ Discuss the FGC with the parents and child/children.
- ❖ Complete a referral form and return it to The Hampton Trust.
- ❖ The family will be allocated a coordinator.

### Your Role As A Professional

- ❖ Speak with the coordinator at the start.
- ❖ Assess the issues and discuss this with the family.
- ❖ Identify resources and strategies you might realistically offer.
- ❖ Provide information which is concise, clear and jargon free. Include any legal or safety limitations.
- ❖ Answer questions from the family.

## What Happens At The FGC?

The meeting is in 3 stages:

### 1. Information Sharing

The coordinator welcomes everyone and explains what will happen. The referrer will be asked to explain their concerns and any legal or safety limitation and any resources that may be available. Other professionals will share their thoughts about the issues and say what services they could offer. Family and friends will have the opportunity to ask questions.

### 2. Private Family Time

All professionals leave and the family & friends are left to discuss and plan in private.

The coordinator and referrer stay close by in case the family has any questions.

### 3. Agreeing the Plan

When the family is ready, the coordinator and referrer return. The plan is looked at together. It is decided by everyone who will do what. The referrer is asked to agree and support the plan. Agreements are made about monitoring and reviewing the plan.

