

What's important to us?

You are very important and that is why we will work hard to make the best recommendation for you. When working with you and your family we will:

- Be honest
- Be on time
- Listen carefully
- Let you speak
- Keep your information safe

If you need to speak to us you can either phone or send us an email



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Questions and Answers



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Information about the Family Proceedings Advisory Service

Who are the Family Proceedings Advisers?

We have a special role in helping the Courts to decide what is best for children and young people. This can be after their parents have split up or divorced, or are just not getting on any more.



What we do:

We look out for your best interests when your parents are going through divorce and/or separation. You will have a Family Proceedings Adviser assigned to your family, who will speak with you, your parents and your school, and anyone else who is important to you, to see what the best decision will be for you.

We take your wishes and feelings very seriously, and we spend a lot of time making sure we understand what you want so that we can tell the Judge. However we may not always agree that what you want is the best thing for you in the long term.

After they have spoken to everyone involved, your Family Proceedings Adviser puts their findings into a written report and delivers this to the Court. The Judge then considers all the different views, and decides what will be the best outcome for you.



How do we work?

Your Family Proceedings Adviser will meet with your parents first and make notes on all of the difficulties they are having on coming to an agreement about what is best for you.

They will then see you at your home or take you out to discuss your thoughts and feelings. They will make notes on what you say as this may be needed for the court report. Your wishes and feelings are very important.

Your Family Proceedings Adviser will then write to your school and ask them to tell them about how well you are doing at school. This helps them understand more about you and your situation and helps them to write the report.

What do we do with the information?

All information is kept safe. We are not allowed to talk about your situation, thoughts or feelings with anyone other than the Court, teachers, and your parents and family unless we are worried about your safety.

Will I have to go to court?



No. You do not have to go to court. It is your Family Proceedings Adviser's job to tell the court about your thoughts and feelings, they will make sure your voice is heard.

However if you want to write your own thoughts and feelings for the Judge to read then you are able to do this.