

Going to a Children's Hearing – Easy Read Information for Parents/Carers

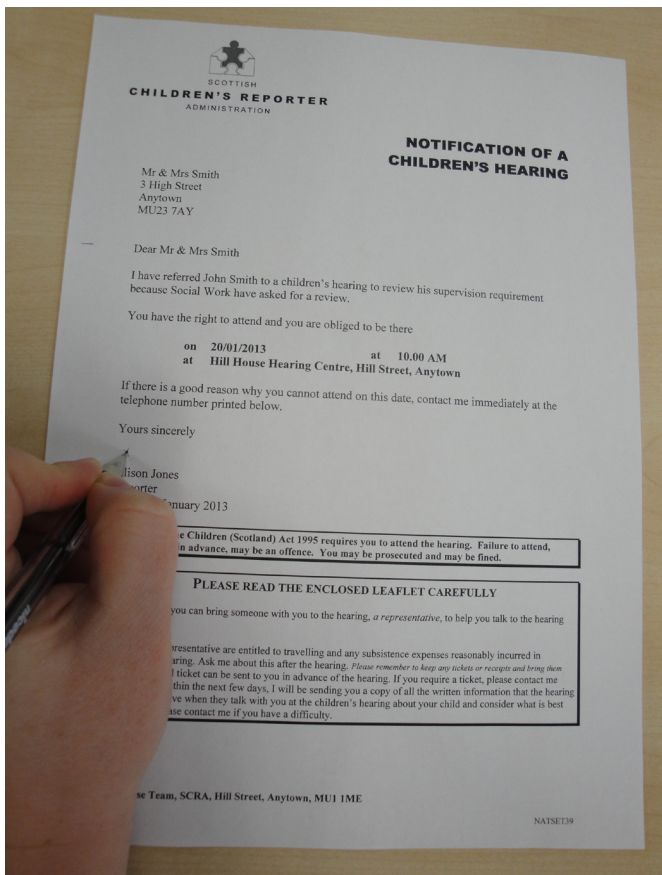


Welcome

This leaflet provides information about going to a Children's Hearing.

Why does my child have to go to a Hearing?

If you get a letter from a Children's Reporter asking you to come to a Hearing it is because they are worried about your child.



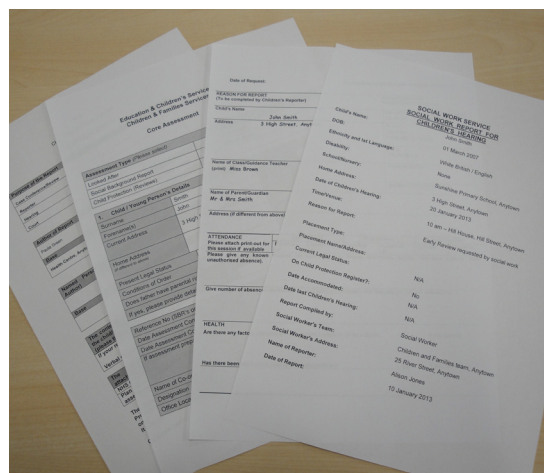
Your child might be having problems at home or at school.



What will happen before the Hearing ?

You will be sent some reports.

You can get an independent advocate to help you understand what these say.



They can help you write your own report for the Hearing. You can also go and talk to a lawyer.

Where will the Hearing be ?

Hearings are held in Hearings Centres. It is important that you get there on time. Most Hearings last about an hour.



Go to reception first. They will ask for you and your child's name and will tell you where you should go. You will be asked to sit in a waiting room.



In the waiting room there will be toys for children.

You will then go into the Hearing room. It will look a bit like this.



Who will be there?

- You and your child/children
- 3 Panel Members
- Social worker
- Children's Reporter

There may also be:

- Lawyer
- Independent advocate
- Teacher from your child's school



What might happen?

At the first Hearing the chairperson will ask you if you agree or disagree with the grounds. These are the reasons for the Hearing.



The Panel Members are specially trained volunteers. You and your child will get to have your say. The Panel Members will listen to everyone and decide what is best for your child.



Their decision might mean there are changes for your child at home or at school.

If you have any questions afterwards, you can speak to your social worker. If you are unhappy with the decision you can appeal. You should speak to a lawyer about this.



Need more help?

You can contact the Children's Reporter. Their name and telephone number will be on the letter. Or you can look at their website at www.scra.gov.uk

There is also a [short film](#) about going to a Children's Hearing on SCRA's website.

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