

FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCE SERVICE

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WHAT IS A FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCE (FGC)?

- An FGC offers families in Gateshead the opportunity to discuss, negotiate and agree a plan for the children/young people in their family.
- An FGC worker visits all family members to explain the service, ensure engagement and prepare them for the meeting. Workers involved with the family will be contacted. If they are to be invited to the FGC a meeting may be arranged or a telephone conversation may suffice.
- An FGC is structured in 3 stages:
Information Sharing Family Time Agreeing the Plan
- A review arrangement is agreed with family and workers at the end of the FGC.

MAKING A REFERRAL:

- Workers from Social Care, Health, Education and Voluntary Sectors can refer into FGC Service.
- Most recently self referrals from parents/carers are being promoted.
- An FGC is voluntary. Workers should discuss with family prior to referral.
- Telephone/email Julia Allison to discuss a referral. A referral form will then be provided.
- Referrals can be made by email, fax or posted.