

Midway reviews: a short guide for social workers

Policy: All LAC and CP cases should have a midway review meeting held between each 6 monthly LAC review or case conference.		
	Looked after children	Child protection
Arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of the midway review meeting to be set at each 6 monthly LAC review and recorded on the <i>Chairs Report</i> • Where there are no issues in implementing the care plan, the IRO may decide a midway review is not required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of the midway review meeting to be set at each 6 monthly CP conference review and recorded on the <i>Chairs Report</i> • Where there are no issues in implementing the CP plan, the Chair may decide a midway review is not required
Who is involved	Social worker and IRO: supervisor to be involved only when needed to make decisions on outcome of review	Social worker and Chair: supervisor to be involved only when needed to make decisions on outcome of review
Purpose	Monitor the implementation of the care plan and any progress on recommendations from the previous review	Monitor the implementation of the child protection plan and the functioning of the core group
Meeting agenda	<p>The meeting should discuss implementing the recommendations made at the LAC review and may consider using the following considerations to facilitate discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • key changes since the review • a record of what has been done so far to implement the review decisions • any issues or difficulties around implementation. 	<p>The meeting should address each of the Signs of Safety headings in relation to implementing the recommendations of the cp conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are we worried about? • What's working well? • What needs to happen? • What is the scale of worries?
Recording	The midway review should be recorded in the <i>IRO contact form</i> with fuller details of any meeting recorded in the <i>Midway Review</i> case note.	The midway review should be recorded in the <i>IRO contact form</i> with fuller details of any meeting recorded in the <i>Midway Review</i> case note. The Signs of Safety Headings may be used when recording details of the meeting discussion.