

What is a Child Arrangements Order?

It's a plan made by a judge to keep you safe and happy.
It says:

Where you live
Who you see
How you keep in touch (visits, calls, video chats)
It usually lasts until you're 18.

Why is it important?

It helps the adults who care for you share responsibility and make everyday choices like meals and bedtime.

Big changes (like moving away) need everyone to agree or the court.

People like grandparents, family members, or carers who look after you can ask.

It's always about what's best for you

Support for YOU

Telford & Wrekin Council have 4 lived experienced apprentices.

They are going to be hosting monthly events for you to:

speak to them
make new friends
get your voice heard

You will have the chance to share your views and thoughts at the events with the team.
You can ask an adult to help you find out more information on events or you can follow the teams Instagram for updates or email them!



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Useful Contacts

Kinship Team, Telford and Wrekin Council

Email: kinshipenquiries@telford.gov.uk

Telephone: 01952 380353

Webpage: kinship.telford.gov.uk

Family Connect

Telephone: 01952 385385

Text back service: 07908680320

Email: familyconnect@telford.gov.uk

Kinship UK

Telephone: 0300 123 7015

Webpage: www.kinship.org.uk

Family Rights Group

Telephone: 0808 801 0366 (free advice line)

Webpage: www.frg.org.uk

Family Hubs

Email: telfordfamilyhubs@telford.gov.uk

Telephone: 01952 385385

Webpage: <https://www.telfordfamilyhubs.co.uk/>



If you have any support worker working with you, you will need to get their contact details from them personally.



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Sometimes, before the court makes a decision about where you live or who you see, they ask the Local Authority (the people who help keep children safe) to write a report. This report helps the court understand what would be best for you and make sure the arrangements will keep you happy and safe.

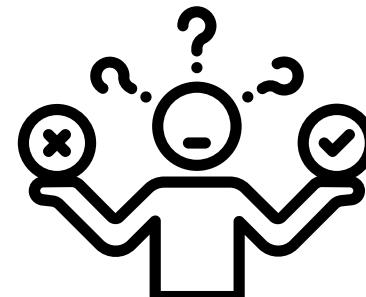


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Sometimes, different teams help the court understand what's best for you.

The Kinship Team may be involved – They look at families who care for children, like grandparents or other relatives. The Safeguarding Team may be involved – They make sure children are safe and protected.

If the Local Authority (the people who help keep children safe) aren't involved, another group called CAFCASS might help. They are independent and give advice to the court about what's best for you.



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The report is all about you and what you need. It checks things like:

- Are you safe and protected?
- Are you feeling happy and cared for?
- How are your relationships with your family and other important people?

It's important everyone works together and goes through with the report as the report helps the court decide if the plans will give you a home that is:

- Safe
- Stable (so you feel secure)
- Supportive (so you feel loved and looked after)



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During the process, the people helping the court might:

- Talk to you and your family in interviews
- Visit the home to see where you potentially may live to make sure it's all safe
- Ask questions to check how the grown-ups can look after you

All of this is done to make sure you are safe, happy, and well cared for.

