

Safeguarding Conversations

Questions to inform supervision, one-to-one, Designated Safeguarding Lead and other safeguarding discussions when you have concerns about a child.

What is it like being a child in this family?
Have you spoken to the child alone?

Who is in the family?
Do you have a [genogram](#)? What are the family member's needs?

Who else knows the family?
Have you spoken to everyone you need to and [shared relevant information](#)?

Have you checked the family background?
[Chronologies](#), past agencies involved, wider family?

What is going well, what are the risks and protective factors?

Have you considered all possibilities and are you keeping an open mind?

What is the basis of your thinking so far? Have you ensured your view is based on fact?

**STOP
AND
THINK**

Have you missed anything?

What tools could help?
[Early Help Assessment, Threshold of Needs, Neglect toolkit, Multi-Agency Chronology](#)

Are you feeling stuck, worried, not listened to?
Think – do I need to escalate, [see procedures](#).

Are you okay? What support do you need?

What are your next steps?

For further tools and guidance, visit www.oscb.org.uk

This guidance has been produced following learning from serious case reviews which highlighted the need to ensure that all those working regularly with children, better understand the lived experience of the child.