

# Family Group Conference (FGC)

## Explained

A **Family Group Conference** - or FGC - is an opportunity to bring a **support network together with children at the centre of the plan**. They are able to discuss different options and agree together what will work for them. The FGC Service works creatively to ensure a **child's voice is heard** during the decision-making process. We understand the impact on their lives, and indeed those of their family. The aim of the conference is to support the child and family to agree on a safe, long-term plan that will improve family life.

- **It is independent.** Our Coordinators are neutral. They are not from a professional body. They aim to empower a family to create their own solutions.
- **They are family-led.** The process is voluntary. The key decisions about the Conference are made by the family. The family agrees the plan together using information from professionals to help them.
- **Everyone's voices are heard.** The process allows for everyone to have the chance to share their views. Children, young people or individuals who the Family Group Conference is aiming to help, are able to share their wishes.

If you would like to know more about FGC, please contact us at [FGC.referrals@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:FGC.referrals@torbay.gov.uk) or call 07824 537242, alternatively, you can signpost the family to the self-referral form on the Family Hubs Website [Family Group Conference - Family Hub](#).