

# Family Group Conference (FGC)

## ‘Your family, your decisions’

The FGC team are an independent team that sits within the Early Help Service.

- We believe that families are in the best place to make decisions when they have all the information about the situation.
- The Family Group Conference meeting gives you and your support network an opportunity to come together and make your own plan
- FGC is voluntary and you have the right to withdraw at any time if you change your mind.
- Each conference meeting is run by a co-ordinator. The co-ordinator will be the person arranging the meeting and making contact with you and your family/support network
- The co-ordinators are impartial, and it is their job to make sure the focus is always on the needs of your child
- The co-ordinator will arrange your meeting, including all the practical arrangements such as finding the venue, providing refreshments and doing any paperwork before and after the Family Group Conference.
- Meetings can be arranged to fit with you and your family’s needs; they can be virtual or in person

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 access the self-referral form on the Family Hubs Website [Family Group Conference - Family Hub](#). If you have a professional working with you, they can also make a referral on your behalf.