

### 5.3.1.3 Timing of initial child protection conference

The initial child protection conference should take place within 15 working days of:

- The strategy meeting / discussion, or the last strategy meeting / discussion if more than one was held; or
- Notification by another local authority that a child subject of a child protection plan has moved into Wigan and it has been agreed with that authority for responsibility to be transferred.

If there is an emergency protection order (EPO) and it is decided to hold a child protection conference, the conference should, whenever possible, be held before the EPO expires.

Where a child assessment order has been made, the conference should be held immediately on conclusion of examinations and assessments.

Where there is delay, this must be reported to the Children's social care manager (including reasons for the delay) and Children's social care must ensure risks of harm to the child are monitored and action taken to safeguard the child.

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