

### 5.3.13 Dissent from the conference decision

If an agency does not agree with a decision or recommendation made at a child protection conference, their dissent will be recorded in the record of the conference.

If a professional concludes that a conference decision places a child at risk of harm, they must seek advice from their named, designated or lead professional or manager.

The professional and their manager are responsible for ensuring that the issue is resolved before the child is exposed to further risk of significant harm. They should do this by making verbal and written representation to the conference Chair, and if this fails to resolve the issue then by following the WSCB Escalation policy.

If parents disagree with the conference decisions, the Chair must further discuss their concerns and explain the appeals procedure / complaints process.