

Issues Resolution Hearing (IRH)



Before the IRH you should see all of the statements and assessment reports that have been prepared. You should also have worked with a solicitor to put your own statement together before the IRH takes place.

You will also see the final care plan that children's services have written for your child. This will say where children's services think your child should live and who your child should see. It will also tell you about any particular help or support that is going to be put in place for your child. And it will say what services are going to be provided to you.

It is very important that you stay in contact with your solicitor so that you can meet and go through all of the paperwork in the case. Not later than 7 days before the IRH, your solicitor will have a meeting with all of the other solicitors involved in the case. This is to discuss what the main issues now are (they may have changed since the CMH) and agree what it is the court will need to decide.