

## Family Group Conference - Confidentiality Agreement made on (insert date) for (child's name)

1. This is a family group conference to assist families develop a Family Plan about the safety, welfare and well-being of a child or young person.
2. Family group conferencing is a form of alternative dispute resolution under the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*. This agreement is subject to the provisions of that Act, including section 244C of the Act which sets out the law relating to confidentiality of information disclosed during alternative dispute resolution.
3. I understand that it is important that we all feel we can talk freely in this family group conference and I agree that:
  - (a) what is said in preparing for and during the family group conference is confidential and
  - (b) I will not disclose anything said or done, or any information I receive, during the family group conference to anyone who isn't at the conference unless:
    - I consider it necessary to prevent injury to a person or damage to property or
    - it relates to improper conduct by the facilitator or a professional person participating in the conference.
4. I understand that in some situations, the facilitator may be required or authorised to disclose things said or done, or information received, during the family group conference, such as when
  - (a) the party who provided the information agrees to its disclosure
  - (b) it is necessary to prevent injury to a person or damage to property
  - (c) when the facilitator has reasonable grounds to suspect that a child or young person is at risk of significant harm
  - (d) it is necessary in order to obey the law or a court order
  - (e) it relates to improper conduct by a professional person participating in the conference.

5. It is important that people are able to speak freely, and we put the best interests of the child or young person first. Therefore:
  - I agree to participate in the family group conference and to work towards an agreed Family Plan
  - I agree that I will not put anything on social media about this family group conference
  - I agree that I can discuss the Family Plan with other people who are also included or involved in the Family Plan
  - I understand that anything said or done, or any admissions made by anyone, in the family group conference cannot be used in any legal proceedings
  - I agree that I will not ask the facilitator to give evidence in any legal proceedings about what has been discussed in this conference.

Name	Role	Signature	Date