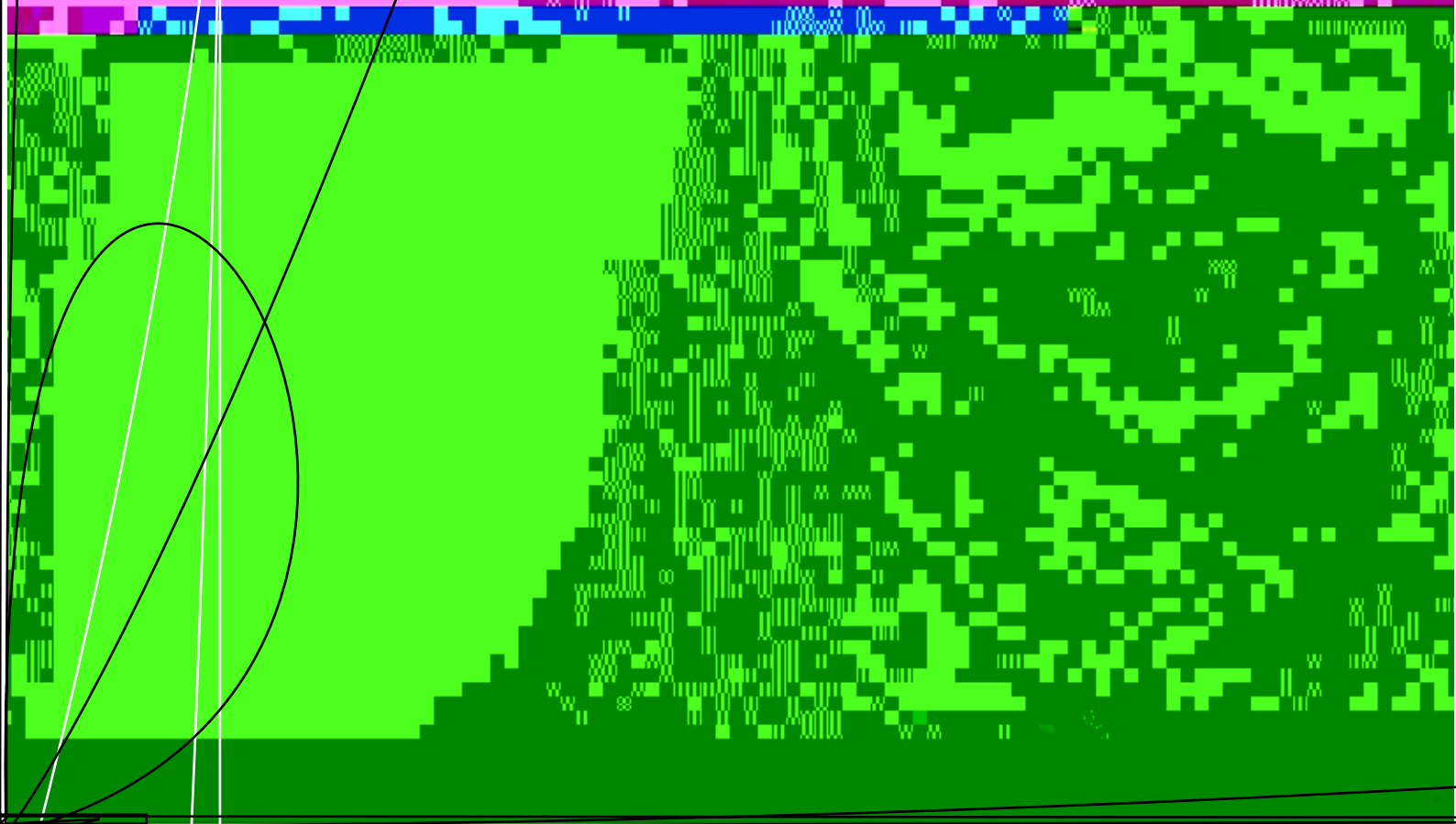
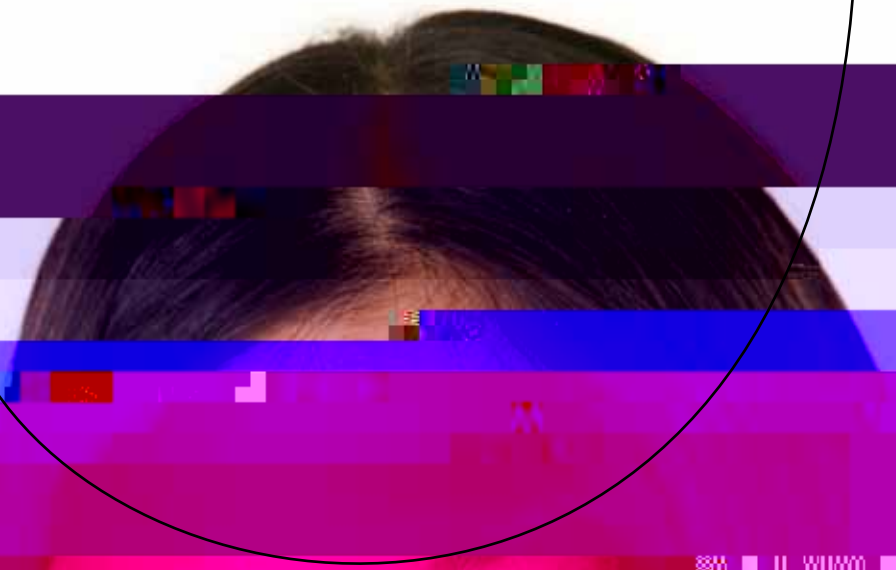


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Based on what children and young people have said about the Children's Hearings System the Children's

# Preparing me well

Getting the letter from Children's Reporter asking me to attend my Children's Hearing (not for a court letter)

My thoughts:

What will happen?

Who can I speak to?

What do I need to do?

Who is going to be there?

My feelings: confused, anxious, scared, worried and unsure. Needing reassurance to understand what's happening.

## What should happen:

- I am asked by the Reporter if I would like to visit the Hearings Centre before my Hearing
  - I can ask for a Pre-Hearing information pack
  - My Lead Professional\* talks to me about why I have been asked to go to a Hearing (ideally before I receive my letter), what the Hearing is about, who is likely to be there, and what happens at a Hearing
  - My Lead Professional and SCRA tell me where I can find more information and show me where I can read about this if needed
  - If my first language is not English, my Lead Professional makes sure I can understand the
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## What should happen:

The Reporter sends me the [All About Me form](#) so I can give my views to Panel Members if I want to. There is one for children and one for young people.

- If I am going to a grounds Hearing - What the 'grounds' mean - That the Hearing will go through the grounds with me (and my parents and sometimes carers) and I will be asked to say if I agree with what is written or not
- That I have the right to take someone with me to the Hearing to support me (called a representative) and that this could be anyone – guidance teacher, advocate (e.g. Children's Rights Officer, advocacy worker), my own social worker, advocate

# During my Hearing ?

My thoughts: What's going to happen? What are the roles of Panel Members and Reporter?

## At the end of the Hearing, the Panel Members should:

- Give a clear decision to me and explain why they have made the decision stating clearly that they have heard and understood my views, even if they don't agree with them
- Make sure that I understand the decision and that someone will talk to me about the decision after the Hearing
- Clearly explain that I can appeal a decision if I don't agree with it and how I can do this
- Make sure I know that I can ask for a  A  f  t a  ven hc



## Thoughts and feelings

- Information on what's going to happen?
- What are my rights?
- What are my options?
- Who's going to be there?
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