

When should I see a solicitor?

You will probably find out about having to go to a hearing when you get a letter from the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA).

You might want to talk to a solicitor straight away.

SCRA will send you a copy of the *statement of grounds*.

Statement of grounds

These are the reasons for asking you to go to a hearing.

Your solicitor can go through these reasons with you and talk to you about what will happen at the hearing.





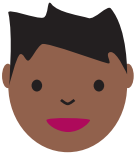
Will I have to pay for a solicitor?

You probably won't have to pay anything to your solicitor as you are a child.

If you are working or have savings you may not get legal assistance, or you might have to pay something towards the cost of the help you receive.

There are some types of hearings where you won't be asked to pay anything at all.

Your solicitor will be able to tell you more about this.



How do I find a solicitor?

Go to our website www.slabb.org.uk and use the solicitor finder.

Go to the Law Society of Scotland's website www.lawscot.org.uk and use their solicitor finder.

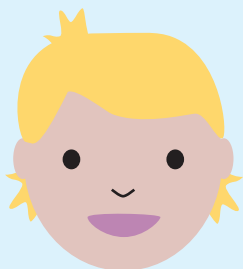




Where else can I go for help?

The Scottish Child Law Centre can give you free telephone advice and put you in touch with a solicitor who deals with child law. Their **0300 330 1421** number is free from mobiles for under 21s.

You might also be able to get help from Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People. The Commissioner's job is to make sure that Scotland keeps promises it has made about the human rights of children and young people. Their website is www.cypcs.org.uk.



For more help from the Scottish Legal Aid Board phone **0131 226 7061**, or look at our website www.slabb.org.uk.

