



Children's Court of Western Australia

Practice Direction 6 of 2020

Child Protection: Mediation Conferences

The Children's Court of Western Australia has reviewed the processes for Signs of Safety Pre-Hearing Conferences.

Commencement and Revocation of Practice Direction 1 of 2012

This Practice Direction commences on 17 June 2020.

Practice Direction 1 of 2012 is revoked.

Mediation Conference Procedures

Where the parties to a protection and care proceeding agree to attend a confidential and without prejudice Child Protection: Mediation Conference (formerly known as a Signs of Safety Pre-Hearing Conference), they should approach the Coordinator, Children's Court Protection Services, Legal Aid Western Australia either at Perth Children's Court, via email ccps@legalaid.wa.gov.au, or by telephone 9218 0160 and arrange a suitable date for the conference.

When the matter is next called on in the Protection General List the parties are to request an adjournment of the matter for sufficient time to allow for the conference to occur, a report of the outcome of the conference to be distributed to all parties and the facilitation of outcomes that may require appointments, reports or third party dealings.

The matter will then be adjourned to a later date in the Protection General List.

A copy of the Convenor Report is to be filed with the Children's Court of Western Australia at least two clear days before the adjourned hearing date.

At the resumed hearing, the Court will be in a position to have considered the conference outcomes and make appropriate orders.

Schedule forms 1 to 6 are replaced by the forms on the [Legal Aid WA website](#).



Judge Hylton Quail

President of the Children's Court of Western Australia

16 June 2020