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| **Our Ref:**  | Phone: Fax:  |

**By Email:**

Dear

**Your Children's Court matter**

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|  | **Born on** |

Your matter is back in on at . **You must attend Court on this date**.

This letter is about your attendance at on .

**Care Plans**

On , Community Services filed a Care Plan for . In the Care Plan, Community Services have said that they do not think that

 can come home to you at the moment. Community Services have said they think restoration is a realistic possibility within a reasonable period of time because they are worried about the following things:

I met with you on to talk about what the Care Plan says. You told me:

**What Happened at Court**

Your matter was listed before Magistrate . appeared for Community Services, appeared for , and

 appeared as the Independent Legal Representative “ILR” for

 (the ILR represents the children’s best interests). I appeared on your behalf.

I told the Court:

Magistrate made the following directions/orders:

**The Dispute Resolution Conference**

The Dispute Resolution Conference is a chance for everyone to talk in an informal way about the Care Plan. The Conference is run by a Registrar who works for the Children’s Court. I will attend the Conference with you.

Everything that is said at the Dispute Resolution Conference is confidential, unless there are concerns about someone not being safe. This is to make sure that people feel like they can speak openly about what they think.

At this conference we can talk to the other parties about the following types of things:

1. The children returning to you;
2. What things Community Services think you should do to make it safe for

 to come back;

1. The contact arrangements for you to see ;
2. Where Community Services thinks should live;
3. Who Community Services thinks should make decisions for ;
4. being able to be part of your culture.

I have enclosed a brochure for you to read about these conferences.

**What is the Next Step?**

You must file any further document with the Court by

I have made an appointment to meet with you to talk about the Conference on:

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Address:**

Please contact me on if you can’t attend your appointment or if you have any questions about this letter.

Yours sincerely

**Solicitor**

Encl**. “***Going to a Dispute Resolution Conference”*