

# Words and pictures explained on a page



## **Description**

The 'Words and Pictures' explanation process was created to inform children and young people about concerns as a foundation to promote and involve them in their safety and healing. The most crucial aspect of creating Words and Pictures storyboard is that they must be created together with the active involvement of the parents and the parents must be comfortable with the story before it is presented to the children. This distinguishes the Words and Pictures process from Life Story Book work.

Placing parents in the middle of creating the explanation requires skilful, compassionate practice, including skilful use of authority, particularly where there is little or no prospect the child(ren) will be returned to the parents.



## **Structure/Process**

See a 'guide to completing Words & Pictures'.

See a 'guide to completing a short form Words & Pictures'.



## **Tips**

- It is important to complete a short form Words & Pictures at the beginning of child protection intervention.
- Write it out first and then draw the pictures.
- Make sure that the child gets a copy and laminate it.
- Upload a copy to Mosaic.