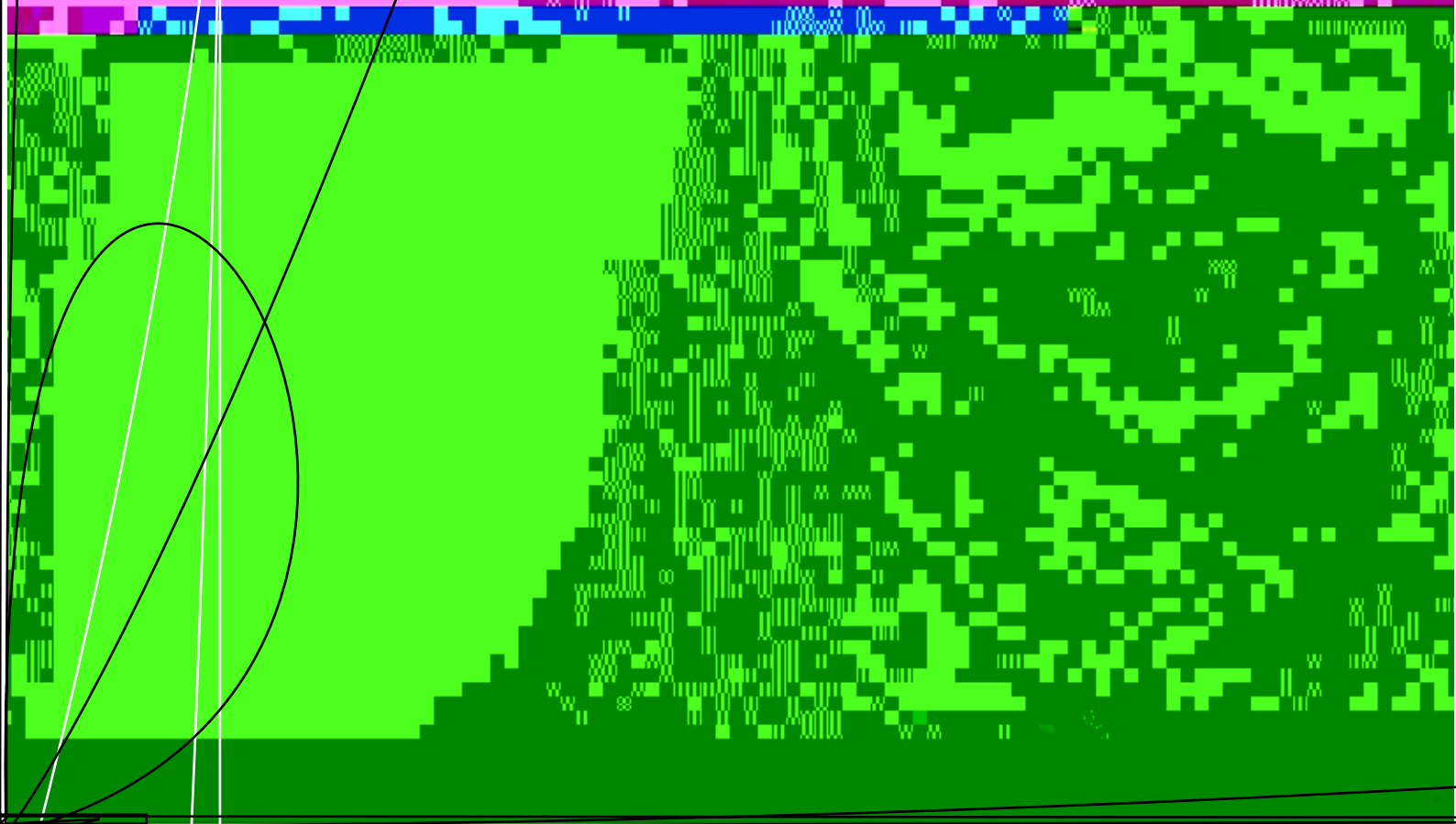
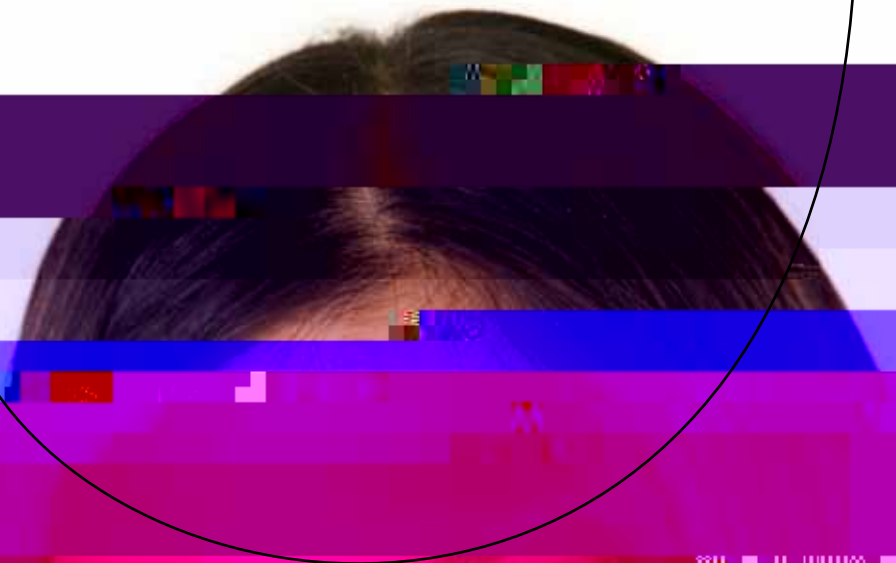


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Based on what children and young people have said about the Children's Hearings System the Children's

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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