



## Our Journey to Signs of Safety Practice

From one way of  
working...



...to great Signs of Safety  
Practice

Professionals as the expert

The professionals and the family are **both expert**

Professional terms and jargon

Plain and **simple language**

Professionals focus on the risks

Understanding both the risks and the strengths within the family – being **solution focused**

Working with who is already involved and only using professional support services

Looking for **who else we can involve** from the extended family and the community to build long lasting support

Professionals advise/ tell families what to do

Professionals help families to think about what needs to happen and **plans are made together**

Plans can be long and are mostly about making sure families have followed professional advice

Plans are about making clear the short **practical solutions that keep children safe** and are a way of testing 'what works'

Sharing information with the people who need to know

Creating a network of informed people who can **help the family now and in the future**

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