

### **Chapter 32: Guidance on answering the self-test questions**

**Question 1: Your client has been asked to come to a child protection conference regarding their child. Explain the purpose of such a conference, who will be there, and when it will be held.**

The child protection conference is a key part of the arrangements for inter- agency co- operation for the protection of children. The child protection conference brings together the child (if appropriate), the family and the professionals involved with the child and family following enquiries made into the child's safety. The child protection conference is often a very important step in the decision of how the local authority will proceed with the child's case.

**Question 2: Your client wishes you to question members of the conference. Is this your role?**

Representatives of the parents should not make legal representations but should assist their client to express their views. Ideally, permission should be sought from the chair to speak. Anyone attending a case conference with a parent should be knowledgeable in child protection law and the procedures involved