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Getting professional advice

Organisations can invite representatives from different organisations and agencies to visit them and talk to groups about important topics and issues.

This can be far more effective than individual members trying to arrange their own meetings or visits to get advice or guidance.

Examples of representatives might include the police, health workers, local authorities and charities.

Topics and issues might include benefits, public transport and healthy eating.

Organisations might also arrange visits out to the representatives, such as to police and fire stations.

Sessions can be arranged to include presentations, Q and As, one-to-one guidance, round-table discussions and the handing out of resources.

It may be more appropriate to provide one-to-one advice on certain issues (e.g., personal finances, health issues) as participants' individual circumstances may differ and they may prefer confidentiality.

Possible questions can be generated from a prior group discussion on the topic or issue related to the visit or event.

Involving members in the planning of visits and events promotes the learning and demonstration of lots of skills, such as organising, communication and team working.