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Welfare minister Law Chi-Kwong says the government is concerned about attempts by the police to take out child protection orders against teenagers arrested during protests. At least three minors were taken away from their families over the summer, even though they weren't charged with any crime. Law said authorities want to make sure that such protection orders correspond to the actual needs of the children involved. RTHK's Jim Gould asked the chairman of Against Child Abuse, Patrick Cheung, what usually happens before children are taken away from their parents' custody...

參考資料 Reference:

<http://news.rthk.hk/rthk/en/news-programmes/this-episode.htm?cmsid=78>

Part of the interview(08:00-12:20):

The Host: "What do you think about the cases of young people being arrested and then sent to care homes?"

Patrick Cheung: " this is quite unfortunate that children being taken into the Boy's Home or Girl's Home. I think when we handle cases in the past like in our organization, Against Child Abuse, many of these cases applied to the court by registered social workers or by police officers in the situation when a child is not considered safe at home or they are under the care of abusers.

But the situation of protest, when their children are being arrested by the police, I think the police could take these children to the court and applied for the Care or Protection Order. I'm not too sure which section of C or P Order(Care or Protection Order) the police used, I guess is probably section 34(e) in which the children can be put into a place of refuge to be detained for a several period of time, but usually before we had made that decision, we will involve the social workers to have a social enquiry report as to see where is the best place for these children to stay in, whether at home or in the relative or good surrogate. So, the procedure needs to be studied, I'm not too sure how it was done for those cases they were taking into the Boy's Home or Girl's Home..." (⓪08'00"-12'20")