

Your Rights

All children and young people have the right to express their views and for these views to be taken into account in matters that affect them.

Article 12 UNCRC
(UN Convention on The Rights of the Child)

All children and young people have the right to express themselves and access information.

Article 13 UNCRC

All children and young people have the right to privacy.

Article 16 UNCRC



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The Barnardo's WAIV Service provides Independent Advocacy to Wirral Children and Young people who are looked after and Children and Young People on a Child Protection Plan.

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(for Children and Young People who are looked after or care leavers)



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What is an Advocate?

An Advocate is an independent person who supports you to express your views, wishes and feelings when decisions are being made about you.

An Advocate listens to you and helps you to understand your rights.

An Advocate enables you to think about your choices and options, and help you to make an informed decision.

An Advocate can support you to take part in meetings and in discussions about you and your family



Issues that an Advocate could support you:

- **Attending meetings**
- **Transition from children's services in adulthood**
- **where you would like to live**
- **family time arrangements**
- **making a complaint**

How you can get an advocate

You can contact the WAIV service yourself or your social worker, IRO (or anyone else) can refer you.

You will be allocated an Advocate who will contact you to arrange a visit at a time and place that suits you

Your Advocate will talk to you about the things you would like support with.

With your permission, your Advocate will make sure that your views, wishes and feelings are shared with the people involved in making decisions about you.