

## 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

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

## Contact Details

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**We provide advocacy for children and young people looked after and children and young people on a Child Protection Plan**



## Child Protection Advocacy

**(for children and young people aged 8 – 18 who are on a Child Protection Plan)**



## What is an Advocate?

**An Advocate** is an independent person who supports you to express your views, wishes and feelings.

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

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

**An Advocate** can support you to participate in decisions and processes that involve you.

## Issues that an Advocate could support you with:

- Understanding what a Child Protection Plan is
- Understanding what meetings are happening for you.
- Understanding who is working with you and what their roles are.
- Sharing your views with those involved with your child protection plan.
- Supporting you to be involved in meetings about you.

## The Advocacy Process

Your social worker refers you to the WAIV advocacy service at Barnardo's.

If you are under 16 years old your parents will sign a form agreeing for an Advocate to work with you. If you are 16 or over you will be able to sign your own agreement form.



Your Advocate will meet with you for 3 sessions during which they will: Talk to you about referral, help you to understand the child protection process and spend time with you to find out what your views are.



Your Advocate will support you to attend a meeting if you feel able to and help you talk about your views. If you are not able to attend the meeting your Advocate can do so on your behalf and ensure that your views are listened to.