

What is an Independent Visitor?

An adult volunteer who will spend time one-to-one with a looked after child or young person and offers:

Someone a child or young person can build a long-term relationship with

Someone there just for that child or young person

Someone a child or young person can talk to and ask for advice

Someone who will spend time getting to know a child or young person

Someone who will visit a child or young person every month

Someone a child or young person can spend time with to do an activity they really enjoy

The chance for a child or young person to get to know someone new who is independent from professionals

A voice in the support a child or young person feels will suit them best

How does it work?

1. A coordinator arranges to meet the child or young person at their placement to discuss the service in more detail and the type of Independent Visitor best suited to their needs.
2. The coordinator introduces the child or young person to an Independent Visitor and they can decide if they are the right person for them.
3. The Independent Visitor maintains regular contact with the child or young person via their carer.
4. The Independent Visitor arranges monthly visits with the child or young person which take place at their placement or out in the community.
5. The support is reviewed regularly to ensure it is still meeting the child or young person's needs.

Wirral Independent Visitor Service

Information for Professionals

How can this help a child or young person?

- A new person to get to know and trust
- Someone to introduce new experiences and offer opportunities to socialise
- Someone to spend time with
- Someone to listen
- Someone to have fun with
- Someone other than their carer or social worker to chat to about anything that is important to them
- Someone to talk through problems with
- Someone to enjoy different activities with, like a hobby or interest

How can I refer?

Our service works with children and young people aged from 6 to 21 years old, who are Looked After by Wirral Local Authority.

Contact us to make a referral.



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