

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 United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child

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

Article 13 United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child

All children and young people have the right to privacy.

Article 16 United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child

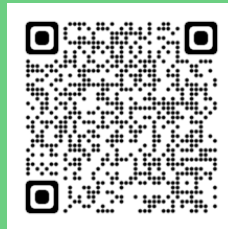
Wirral Advocacy Service

We provide independent advocacy support to Wirral children & young people:

- who are Looked After or a Care Leaver
- with a Child Protection Plan.

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Child Looked After Advocacy



**For children & young people
aged 0-24 who are
Looked After or a Care Leaver**

In partnership with:  **WIRRAL**

If you are a Child Looked After or a Care Leaver, you might need some extra support with:

Support from an Advocate

Meeting with an Advocate

Feeling listened to when decisions are being made about you

Being involved in meetings about you

Sharing your views, wishes & feelings about your Care Plan

Making a complaint when things haven't gone right

Problems with where you live

Family time and contact arrangements

Changing to Adult Support Services when you are 18

Understanding your rights & entitlements as a Child Looked After or a Care Leaver

An Advocate is an **independent person**. This means that they are someone who is **separate** from your social worker, your IRO (Independent Reviewing Officer), your family, and your school or college.

An Advocate **listens to you** about the **things that are most important to you** and can help you to **share your wishes, feelings and views** with the people involved in making decisions about you, like your social worker.

An Advocate can help you to **find out answers to questions** that you might have about your Plan or anything that you don't understand.

An Advocate can help you to **request support** that you may need.

An Advocate can help you to **understand your rights**. These are things that the law says you should have, like the right to have your say when decisions are made about you.

An Advocate can support you to **take part in meetings** and in **discussions** about you.

You can contact us, or your parents, or your carer, or social worker or your IRO can also contact us on your behalf.

We'll ask for some information about the support you would like from an Advocate.

Your Advocate will talk with you about your views, wishes and feelings.

Your Advocate can share your views, wishes, and feelings with the people involved in making decisions about you.

Your Advocate can help you to understand decisions that have been made.

