

# 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:

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

**Contact us:**

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## Child Protection Advocacy



**For children & young people  
aged 8-18 with a Child  
Protection Plan**

In partnership with:  **WIRRAL**

If you and your family are being supported by a Child Protection Plan, you might have questions, like:

## Support from an Advocate

## Meeting with an Advocate

What do some of the words that I'm hearing mean?

Who are the people who are working with me?

What meetings are taking place?

What jobs do the people who are working with me do?

Who goes to my meetings?

Who can I talk to about how I'm feeling?

What happens at my meetings?

How can I tell my social worker what my feelings are?

How can I tell my social worker what my wishes & views are?

Where can I find out about other support?

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 and your family.

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.

If you are under 16, your parents will need to sign a form to agree for an Advocate to work with you.

Your Advocate will arrange to contact you so that you can talk about the support you would like from them.

Your Advocate can meet with you over 3 sessions.