QUESTIONS.....

Will my advocate tell anyone what I say, is what I say kept private?
What you tell your advocate is private. They won't share it with anyone unless they think you or someone else is in serious danger. If they are worried about your safety, they must tell the right people who can help keep you safe.

What if I don't know how or what to say?
It's ok! You don't have to know what to say—advocates help you figure out what you want and how to say it.

What if I am not sure what to share?
That's ok too! You can choose how much or how little you want to share—they follow your lead.

What if I am not happy about something - can you help then too?
An advocate can help you fill out forms, make complaints, or talk to professionals if something doesn't feel right.

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Children & Young People's ADVOCACY



What is Advocacy?

Advocacy is about speaking up for children and young people and helping them be part of important decisions about their lives.

An Advocate is someone who makes sure you are treated fairly, your rights are respected, and that adults listen to what you want and how you feel. They help make sure your views are heard and taken seriously by the people working with you.

Advocacy work is based on children's rights.

Article 12 says that every child has the right to share their views, and adults must listen and take those views seriously.

This means what you think and feel is important, and you should be part of decisions about your life.

Who does a Child & Young Person Advocate help?

- Children and Young People In Care
- Care Leavers up to the age of 25
- Children and young people seeking safety by asylum
- Children and young people over the age of 5, who have child protection plans or are taking part in child protection conferences
- Children and young people with disabilities
- Children in need who require advocacy support
- Young parents who are in children's services processes, with their own children
- 16 and 17 year olds presenting to the council, as at risk of homelessness
- Any child or young person wanting to make a complaint

How will you help me?

We will help you speak up to say how you feel

Help you to be part of decisions about your life

Help you to understand your choices

Help you to get ready for meetings and support you in them

Help you to find more people that can support you

Help you if something's wrong or to make a complaint

Help you to understand information that makes sense to you