

Children's and Young People's Advocacy



Advocacy allows you to have your views, wishes and feelings heard when important decisions are being made that will affect your life.



You have a right to be listened to and have your views taken seriously. Sometimes, it can be difficult to express how you feel, and you may think your voice isn't being heard.



Advocates make sure the views, wishes and feelings of young people in vulnerable situations are represented, heard and respected.



Advocates can help a child or young person to:

- speak up for themselves and be involved in decisions affecting their lives
- understand the choices available and inform them of their rights
- prepare for and take part in meetings and tribunals
- access other services and signpost to other help and support
- understand information in a way that is accessible to them
- make a formal complaint and raise any queries and concerns.



Anybody can make a referral for a child or young person to have an advocate, as long as they have their consent.



For more information on the childrens advocacy and eligibility please follow the link/s below.

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[Advocacy services for children and young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)