

Why refer for an Advocate?

Children and young people have a right to access Independent Advocacy. It is a legal requirement that children and young peoples' thoughts, wishes and feelings are respected and taken into account when plans are being made for them.

Our Advocates work passionately to build relationships with young people on a one to one basis, gaining their trust and supporting them to make or be more involved in important decisions.

We will attend meetings with them, help them understand processes and procedures and most importantly, help them communicate their thoughts and wishes no matter what these may be.

Child Protection Advocacy



We believe that every young person has the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them and to have their views taken seriously.

We believe our support can help young people achieve the outcomes important to them, feel happier, safer and live more fulfilled lives.

An Advocate will:

- Provide independent and confidential support to young people going through child protection proceedings
- Provide one to one support for children prior to and during their Child Protection Conferences and Reviews
- Support each child or young person to express their views and feelings, help them to understand their rights and be involved in their Child Protection Plan
- Attend Child Protection Conferences, Child Protection Reviews, and Core Group Meetings with the child or young person to help them represent their views and wishes
- Provide accurate, accessible and relevant information through practical support and appropriate referrals to specialist services where necessary
- Help the child or young person understand why certain processes exist and why others are worried about them



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The Children's Act says that young people must be treated with respect, and this includes being listened to and being involved in decisions when plans are being made that affect their lives.

Here at Advocacy Focus, we offer Child Protection Advocacy in Trafford for young people over the age of 12 who are the subject to multi-agency child protection plans. We are committed to giving young people a voice and a say in their care planning.

Our Independent Advocate will champion the young person's rights and ensure that every young person's voice is heard, valued and at the centre of any decisions which affect their lives.



Who are we?

We are a charity providing free and independent support to young people over the age of 12 during Child Protection proceedings, including Child Protection Conferences, Child Protection Reviews and Core Group Meetings.

Our Advocates listen to young people and help them become more involved in decisions that are being made about their lives. We work tirelessly to help children be safe and happy, communicate their needs and wishes, be taken seriously and understand their concerns.

Find out more about who we are and what we do at www.advocacyfocus.org.uk

How do I refer for an Advocate?

Getting an Advocate is simple



If you are a professional and wish to make a referral, you can download a referral form via our website at www.advocacyfocus.org.uk/refer

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