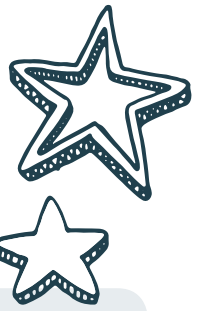


Charter of Rights



For children and young people in care.

What is the Charter of Rights?

The Charter is a list of things informing how children and young people should be treated when they come into the care of the Local Department. All of these rights are important; however, some might be more important to you than others.

1 You have the right to be safe.

2 You have the right to receive proper health care, including medical and dental, when you need it.

3 You have the right to receive guidance and encouragement in your education, and activities such as hobbies, sport, music, dance and art.

4 You have the right to be kept informed about your care plan; and your views about the plan considered.

5 You have the right to be respected (and to treat others with respect too).

6 You have the right to raise an issue with your case worker, foster carer and/or Advocate for Children in Care.

7 You have the right to privacy and to have your personal belongings.

8 You have the right to have your views and opinions heard (and also listen to other people's views and opinions).

9 You have the right to speak with people responsible for making decisions about your care.

10 You have the right to have contact with family members and friends whenever possible.

11 You have the right to be encouraged and supported in your religion and culture.

12 You have the right to proper planning before leaving care.