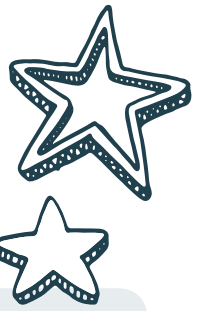


Charter of Rights



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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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