

## **LEEDS CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

**Leeds Children's Rights Service** is an independent rights and advocacy service for children and young people who are looked after by Leeds Social Care. This means that you might live with foster carers, in a children's home, have a social worker or are care experienced.



**Advocacy** is when someone listens to what you're saying, and makes sure that your voice is heard. Your wishes, feelings and views about what happens to you should always be part of any decisions made in your life. Our workers are called **Advocates** and they can help you do this. Here are a few examples of how we have helped children and young people:

Jack could never get in touch with his Social worker or IRO, so his advocate contacted them and explained how he felt. He now sees them a lot more ©

Amber's advocate
listened to her views
and attended her
Review Meeting, instead
of her, so she got to say
what she wanted,
without having to be
there

Callum was unhappy where he was living so he told his advocate who helped him to arrange somewhere else Amy wanted more family time and contact with her brothers & sisters, so her advocate helped to arrange this

Nobody took
Mohammed's
complaint seriously...
until his advocate
listened and helped
him through the
process of making his
complaint matter

Seema wanted to stay where she was living and Leeds Children's Rights helped tell Social Care her views. She didn't have to move

Kyle knows that his advocate will always support him with important decisions about his life



## How do I contact Leeds Children's Rights?



If you are unhappy about anything to do with your care and decisions made about you, if you have tried speaking to someone about this and feel that no one really listened or did anything about it, then please contact us....

Text or call

Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm

07808 736 330

**Call our Freephone** 

Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm

0800 6527 212

Out of office hours call

Monday to Friday, 8am - 9am & 5pm - 9pm Weekends & bank holidays, 10am - 6pm 07825 377 513

Email us at: <a href="mailto:leedschildrensrightsservice@barnardos.org.uk">leedschildrensrightsservice@barnardos.org.uk</a>

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