Advocacy ensures your voice is heard.

Black Country Advocacy Service
Who we are

The Children’s Society Black Country Advocacy Service is an independent, confidential service in Dudley, Sandwell, Wolverhampton and Walsall for children and young people who are in care, leaving care, or who have a social worker.

When you are looked after or in the care of children’s services remember you have the right to:

■ Have a say in decisions that affect your life
■ Be listened to and taken seriously
■ Use an advocate to help look after your rights
■ Not be hurt or abused
■ Be treated fairly, whatever your race, religion, sexuality, gender, language or disability
■ Have your health looked after
■ Get the most out of your school or college.

What is an advocate?

An advocate is a person who can help you say if you don’t like something or if you don’t agree with a decision that affects your life.

Advocates are independent which means they don’t work for the council or children’s services.

Advocates are confidential, which means they will not tell anyone what you say to them without agreement, unless there is something that might cause harm to you or someone else.

An advocate can:

■ Help you sort out a problem or worry
■ Listen to you and help you understand your rights
■ Help make sure you are treated fairly
■ Help you say what you think about things
■ Help make sure other people are listening to what you have to say
■ Help you sort out a problem the way you want it sorted.
About us

The Children’s Society has helped change children’s stories for over a century.

We expose injustice and address hard truths, tackling child poverty and neglect head-on. We fight for change based on the experiences of every child we work with and the solid evidence we gather.

Through our campaigning, commitment and care, we are determined to give every child in this country the greatest possible chance in life.