Cheshire West and Chester Advocacy Service

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Who are we?

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Who is the service for?

It helps children and young people in Cheshire West and Chester who are involved with Children's Services. You could be:

- A child or young person cared for by Cheshire West and Chester.
- A care leaver.
- Disabled.
- On a Child Protection or Child In Need plan.
- A child or young person seeking asylum.
- Wanting to make a complaint against social services.

What is an advocate?

An Advocate is a person that will support you to have a voice and speak out about the issues that are important to you.

- Advocates are independent and confidential – they don't work for the council or children's services.
- They will not tell anyone what you say to them without their agreement, unless there is something that may cause harm to you or to someone else.
- They can speak on your behalf and give you a voice.
- They will give you advice and information and write letters on your behalf as well as speak for you in meetings.

What can an advocate do for you?

- Listen to you and help you understand your rights.
- Support you to speak out about any problems or worries and to ask for help about issues you are finding difficult.
- Help make sure you are treated fairly.
- Help you say what you think about things.
- Help you make sure others are listening to what you have to say.
- Respect and value you as an individual.

What are your rights?

- To have a say in decisions that affect your life.
- To be listened to and taken seriously.
- Access to an Advocate to help you look after your rights.
- Be treated fairly whatever your race, religion, sexuality, gender, language or disability.
- Get the most out of your school or college.

The Children's Society fights for the hope and happiness of this country's young people when they are threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect. We take inspiration from the courage and hope we see in young people every day. It fuels our belief that every young person deserves a good childhood.

We fight for hope by understanding young people's needs and providing local services that support them through their challenges. We also campaign tirelessly for the big social changes that will transform the well-being of young people, and strive to improve the lives of those who need hope most.

Driven by hope and working alongside young people and supporters, we will not rest until together we've created a society built for all children.

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