

FAQ's:

Is what I say confidential?

A UR Voice advocate will only pass on information if you give permission for them to do so. But if you say something which means that you or someone else is at risk of being hurt in some way then the advocate has to pass that on, but they will tell you if they are going to do that.

Do I have to go to Child Protection Meetings?

If you are aged 10-12 you won't usually be invited to attend meetings.

If you are aged 13+ you will usually be invited to attend. But it is your **choice** whether you attend or not. An advocate can go to the meetings with you if you want to go.

How is an advocate different from a Social Worker?

An advocate is independent which means they don't work for social services or schools or anyone else.

An advocate will only talk about what you want to say and not what they think. Social Workers are trying to work out what is best for you and your family, whereas an advocate just listens and passes on what you say.



For Parents/ Professionals:

We Do:

Visit young people at a place where they are comfortable

Support young people at meetings if they want support

Keep information confidential unless it is a safeguarding concern

We Don't:

Question young people about specific things

Transport young people to and from meetings

Share what the young person has said without their permission (unless it is a safeguarding issue).

UR Voice

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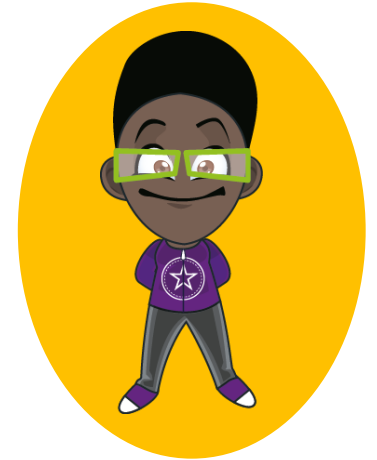
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UR Voice Advocacy

Support for Young
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UR Voice
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When your family is involved in the Child Protection Process you have a right to be listened to and have your views taken seriously.

But sometimes it is difficult to say how you feel and to know who to talk to.

A **UR Voice advocate** is an independent adult who will listen to what you want to say.

They will then help you to feel confident to say things for yourself or speak for you.

They will make sure that your views are heard at meetings where decisions are made about you.

Your Child Protection Conference will be held on:

Date:

Time:

Place:

To contact the Chairperson:

Tel: 01604 363380

Email: sqas@northamptonshire.gov.uk

How it Works:

If you are aged between 10 and 18 and there is a Child Protection Conference planned for your family:

A UR Voice advocate will contact your parent/carer to talk about what we do.

With permission from a parent/carer the advocate will then speak to you to see if you would like to meet up.

If you want to see an advocate they will arrange a time and place to visit you to talk more about how they can support you.

If you have not heard from us and think you should have, you can get in touch with us, or ask someone to do it for you. Our contact details are on this leaflet.



What does the Advocate do?

Helps you understand what happens at meetings.

Listens to what you want to talk about.

Records your views, wishes and feelings.

Makes sure that your views are heard at the meeting if you do not attend.

Supports you at meetings if you want to attend.

Your social worker's contact details:

Name:

Phone number: