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What is
advocacy?

How can it
help me?



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York's Children's Rights and Advocacy Service

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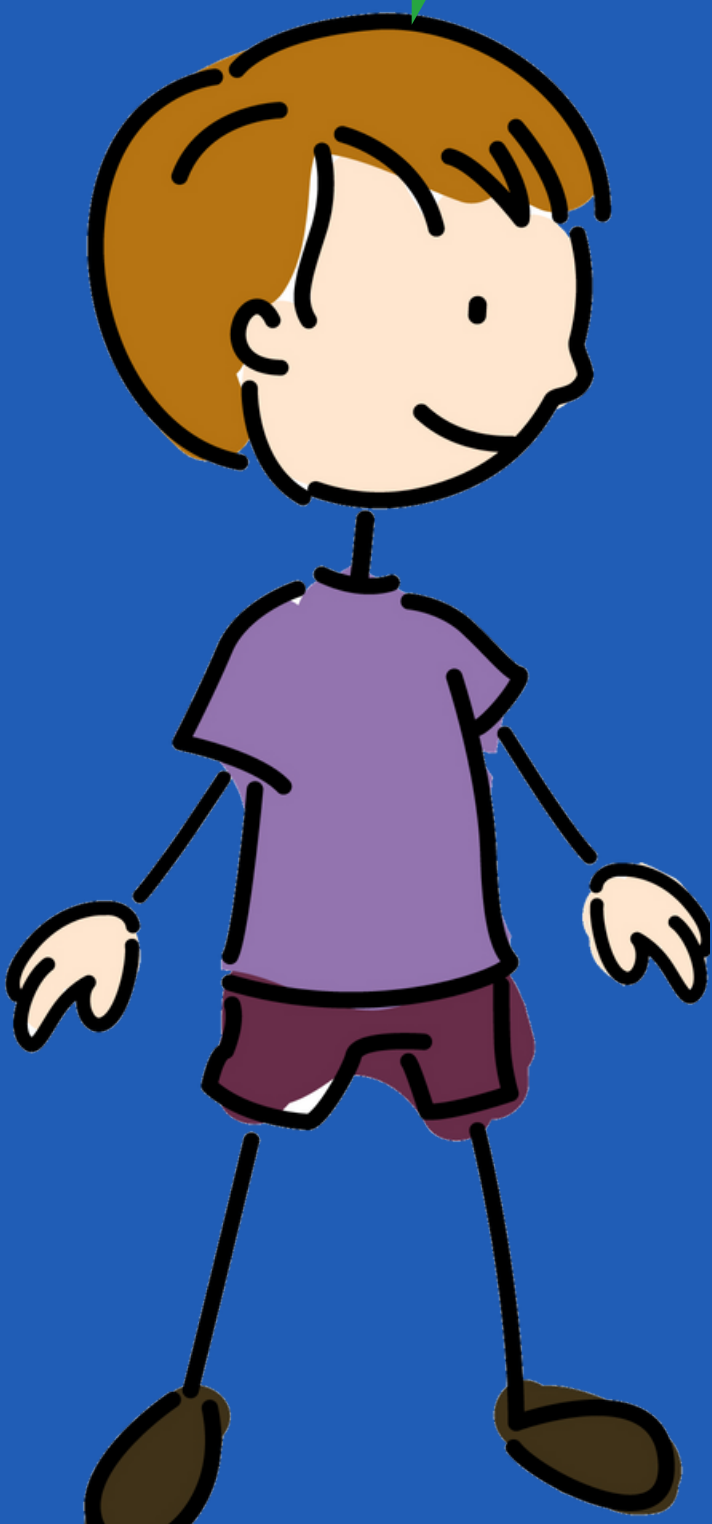
Do you

Want someone to help you say what you're thinking?

Want to say what you think when adults are making decisions about you?

Want people to listen to you?

An advocate may be able to help!



An advocate is someone who can help you tell people what you think.

An advocate can go to meetings with you, or can go to meetings for you if you don't want to go.

What will your advocate do?

Advocates listen to your views and ideas to help make things better.

Your advocate will not tell other people anything you have said without asking you first, unless they are worried about your safety.

Your advocate works for the City of York Council but is separate from the social work teams. This means that your advocate is there just for you.

Advocates make sure that you're treated as an equal and that you can have the same help as anyone else.



Who can have an advocate?

You can have support from an advocate if you are:

- in care and aged 5-18
- on a Child Protection Plan
- wanting to make a complaint

How do I get an advocate?

 Call us: 07769 725174  Text us: 07769 725174

 Email us: speakup@york.gov.uk

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