

CHILDREN 1ST

ParentLine
SCOTLAND 0808 800 2222

Our services reach out to children across Scotland. As well as specialised local services, we provide national services that include:

ParentLine Scotland - 0808 800 2222 - our free, confidential helpline that helps children by helping their parents

To help other people play their part in keeping children safe, our training services include:

Child Protection: if you work or are involved with children, know how to play your part

StoryWorks: connect inspire change through therapeutic storytelling

Family Group Conferencing: working with the extended family in finding solutions for children at risk

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. Join us in helping children and young people who need us.



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Moray Children and Young People's Rights Service



The Children and Young People's Rights Service is an independent and confidential service for children and young people run by CHILDREN 1ST.

In partnership with Moray Council, we work with young people who have additional support needs, including those looked after by the local authority or involved in the child protection process.



Our Children and Young People's Rights Worker:

- Provides young people with information about their rights
- Helps young people give their views at meetings such as Children's Hearings, Looked After Child Reviews, Child Protection Case Conferences, Integrated Assessment and Planning meetings, Education Reviews and Adoption and Fostering Panels.
- Supports young people to make a complaint, or appeal an exclusion from school or changes to their Educational Maintenance Allowance payments.

The Children and Young People's Rights Worker is there to ensure that the young person's views are heard as an integral part of the decision making process.

Young people can feel overwhelmed by formal meetings with adults, despite the best efforts of those involved to make them child and young people centred.

Having the Children and Young People's Rights worker help them to say what they want, without making judgements or trying to change their views, can be very helpful for everyone involved.

- It can be useful to have an independent person assist young people to think about the issues thoroughly and consider what they want to say.
- It is helpful for adults to fully understand what the young person is thinking.
- The young person may feel that having support allows their views to be better represented than they would have been otherwise.
- If the young person feels more involved in the meeting they may be more willing to co-operate with the agreed plan.

