

## Independent Visitors

### Information for children



### **What is an independent visitor?**

*"Someone who will listen to me"*

*"Someone that you choose and who visits you because they want to. They are not a social worker or carer."*

# What does an independent visitor do?

They will come and visit you and spend time with you doing what you want to do.

You and your independent visitor should have the same likes and dislikes and you can do the things you like together.

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# How long can someone be my independent visitor?

Someone can be your independent visitor for as long as you are both happy. This might be a short time or for many years.

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## Who can have an independent visitor?

We would like all children in care to have one if they want one.

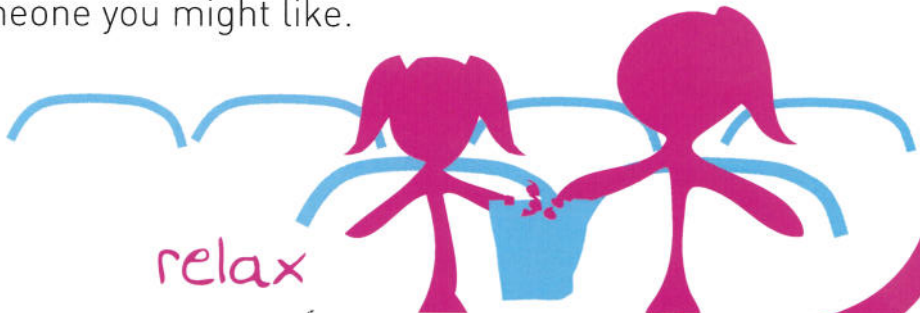
Before you start to see your independent visitor, we make sure they are good people who enjoy spending time with children and who you will enjoy spending time with.



## How do I get an independent visitor?

Tell your carer, social worker or someone else you trust that you would like to have an independent visitor.

Your social worker will then put your name on a waiting list and will tell you when they have found someone you might like.



For more information on the Independent Visitors scheme,  
go to **[www.kirklees.gov.uk/independentvisitors](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/independentvisitors)**.

To request your own Independent Visitor, talk to your carer  
or social worker or you can contact:

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