



# Bradford Advocacy

A voice for children  
and young people

**Bradford**

**The  
Children's  
Society**



*'The advocate was very good and helped me a lot!'*

**Bradford Advocacy is provided by  
The Children's Society's SCARPA service  
and is independent and confidential.**

It helps children and young people in Bradford who are involved with children's services. You could be:

- a child or young person cared for by Bradford.
- a care leaver.
- disabled.
- on a child protection plan.
- a child or young person seeking asylum.
- wanting to make a complaint against a social care service.

### **What is an advocate?**

An advocate will support you to have a voice about issues that are important to you. Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child says that children have a right to be involved in decisions made about them. An advocate will help you do this.

### **An advocate will:**

- Listen to your views and if needed speak on your behalf and will give you a voice.
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- Be independent, which means they don't work for the local authority, they work for you.
- Give you advice and information, write letters and speak for you in meetings.
- Be confidential, which means they will not tell anyone what you say to them without your agreement, unless there is something that might cause harm to you or someone else.

### **An advocate can:**

- Listen to you and help you understand your rights.
- Support you to speak out about any problems or worries that you have and 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 other people are listening to what you have to say.
- Respect and value you as an individual.

*'It was really good - an advocate helped me fight for what I needed.'*

*'It's nice to have  
someone to listen to you,  
and we're not judged.'*

### **How do I request an advocate?**

You can contact us using the details below or ask your social worker or carer. When we get your request someone will contact you to see how we can support you.

### **Contact us**

The Children's Society

0808 175 4574

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