

Independent Visitors are volunteers who befriend and spend time with a child or young person in local authority care.

Actively choosing to give up their time for free, IVs offer friendship, support and someone to have fun with by trying new activities and spending quality time together.

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What is an IV?

Building a trust relationship by visiting you regularly, IVs involve their young people in choosing the activities they want to do and the places they'd like to visit. Whether it's going to the cinema, taking a walk in the park or spending a day shopping, IVs provide a friendly and familiar face to enjoy new experiences with.

IVs are separate from your social services department so that they stay independent and always have your best interests in mind. It's your choice whether you have an independent visitor and we will work to find the right match for you.



Keeping You Safe

Your Independent Visitor is a volunteer, this means they are not paid for the time they spend with you

There are rules and guidelines in place to keep you, your Independent Visitor and your Independent Visitor Coordinator safe when working together. You have a right to complain about anything you are not happy with.



If I decide I want an IV what do I do next?

Tell your social worker and they will make a referral for you.

It can sometimes take time for us to find the right IV for you. This is because we want to make sure they are good people who get on with young people.

We also make sure they are ECRB - Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau checked, provide references, attend training and an interview to make sure they are safe.



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