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Children in Care Council

What is it?

The Children in Care Council is a group open to young people who are currently in care and are from, or living in Stockport.

The Children in Care Council meet to discuss ideas and look for ways to improve services and campaign on issues that matter to them.

The group is complemented by the Care Leaver Forum, which is facilitated by local charity Pure Insight.



Why are we doing it?

In Stockport we believe that our services are improved in the best ways when they are informed by children and young people.

Looked-after children and young people said they wanted the chance to express their views, feel heard and be actively involved in decisions that affect their lives.

Also, under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Articles 12 and 13, every child has the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them, to have their views taken seriously, and to seek and receive information.

Having the group is also a statutory obligation.

In Stockport the Children in Care Council helps to ensure looked after children and young people have the opportunity to exercise their rights.

When and where does it happen?

The Children in Care Council meets every other Monday at Central House, Grand Central, Wellington Road South, SK1 3TA from 16:00 – 17:30.

The CiCC meets frequently with Heads of Service (the people who can make the changes) and the Corporate Carers (the elected members) who are responsible for making sure that young people are receiving the best care possible.

How we work

Members have also been involved in social worker interviews, looking at ways to recruit new members and raising awareness of the stigma young people in care sometimes face.

The young people get involved in a range of activities such as arts and crafts, team building, sports and re-designing information and leaflets for looked after children to make them more accessible for young people.

Contact Details and Further Information

Any young person from or based in Stockport who is in care can become a member from the age of 11 up to 16.

To find out the dates for the group please contact:

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Young people can also have their say by emailing cicc@stockport.gov.uk