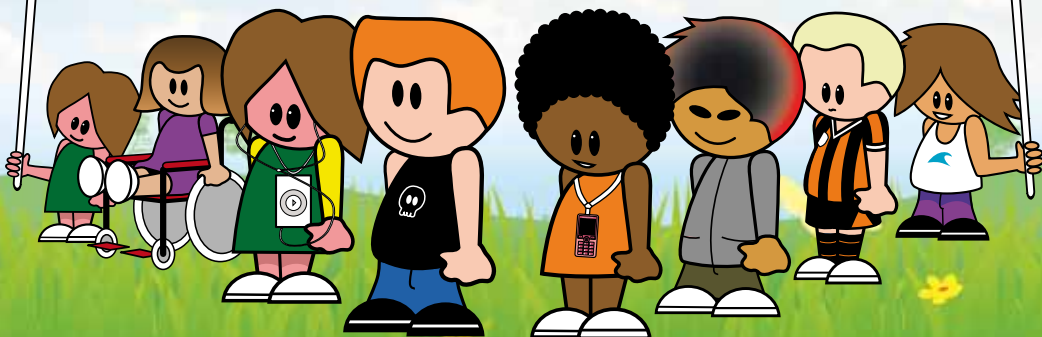


# LAC Reviews

*Your Views Matter!*



## Who are we?

We provide a range of children's rights, advocacy and participation activities for children from targeted groups such as children in care, those with a disability or children who have involvement with children's social care services.

We encourage children and young people to influence services and decisions that affect their lives.

## Your Rights

The law also says that all children in care must have a Care Plan which sets out how everyone will help to look after you and help you reach your potential while you are in care. This is checked to see if it is working properly during a LAC Review. Your views matter and you have the right to have your views heard, listened to and acted upon – it's the law!

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) says that you have the right to...

- Be treated fairly
- Be asked what you want
- Be listened to
- Have your say in decisions that affect you
- Have things explained
- Be respected



## What is a LAC Review

At your LAC Review all the people who are helping to look after you will come together to discuss how things are going and whether anything needs to change. You will have a LAC Review within 28 days of becoming looked after, then 3 months after this first review and then every 6 months thereafter.

The Participation and Rights Team will contact you a few weeks before your LAC Review to see how you would like to feed your views into your review. We do this because we are independent and we are not decision-makers, we are simply here to help you have your views heard! There are lots of different ways you can choose to do this...

## Viewpoint

Viewpoint is a fun, electronic questionnaire brought to you by a worker from our team. It will be on a laptop which can be set up in your home. The characters on-screen will ask your views about your social worker, school, health and placement as well as lots of other things. Your answers create a report which is sent to your Children's Independent Safeguarding and Reviewing Officer (CISRO) who chairs your LAC Review. The CISRO will then make sure these views are taken into account during your review. It is your choice who else sees your answers.

## Consultation Booklet

If you do not want to complete Viewpoint we can still come and visit you and you can choose to complete a consultation booklet which asks you similar questions to Viewpoint. Alternatively if you do not want a worker to visit we can send you the booklet through the post with a freepost envelope to return it in!



## Consultation Visit

You may decide you do not want to complete Viewpoint or the consultation booklet but you'd prefer to meet with a member of our team just to have a chat about what is going well and maybe not so well. We can then forward your views to your CISRO by email or phone or help you write some things down to prepare for your review, helping you think about what you want to say.

## Children with disabilities

For young people with additional needs or more complex disabilities there is a version of Viewpoint available in symbol format. If your needs are more complex a worker from our team will come and meet you to learn about your communication needs and also observe you in different settings prior to your review so we can develop an independent report for your CISRO so that your views are still taken into account.

# Remember

You do not have to attend your LAC review but it is your meeting and we encourage you to attend and be part of the decision making process. A worker from our team can attend your LAC Review with you if you would like some extra support to have your voice heard!!!

If you want to check the promises East Riding of Yorkshire Council has made to children in care and care leavers, then have a look at The Pledge!

If you are unhappy with the way decisions are made or you do not feel listened to during the LAC Review process you can contact us...

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