

NYAS Advocacy - Eligibility Criteria

For children and young people living in the City of Sunderland or living away from Sunderland through arrangements made by Together for Children.

- All Children
- Children in receipt of health services who wish to make a complaint
- Children and Young People in receipt of social care services who wish to make a representation (including a complaint)
- Children with special educational needs and disabilities
- All Children who are looked after including Children / Young People in foster or residential homes; Children/Young People at home subject to care orders and Children/Young People subject to out of area/authority placements
- Children/Young People involved in/in contact with statutory Child Protection processes
- Children with health conditions living in long-term residential settings
- Young People who may continue to need care and support in adulthood through adult social care services
- Looked after Children/Young People who go missing
- 16 and 17 year olds who are homeless or threatened with homelessness
- Children and Young People in England who are detained under the Mental Health Act or are being considered for Electro Convulsive Therapy
- 16 and 17 year olds who lack mental capacity
- Children and Young People in custody
- Children/Young People in short break care
- Care Experienced Young People are eligible under the Leaving Care Act 2000
- Children/Young People who have made a complaint, whether or not they are cared for
- Children in Need (CIN)
- Children/Young People who are cared for, and whose care and progress are being reviewed
- Young Carers under 18 years of age who are providing regular support to a family member who is disabled, physically unwell or has poor mental health or who has issues with substance misuse
- Children/Young People who are at risk of, or are involved with, gangs or criminals and therefore are at risk of being exploited sexually, trafficked or become involved in activities which break the law; for example, theft or selling drugs

Please note:

Children and Young People will be aged 0 to 17, or up to 25 years for care experienced young people and those with a special education need and/or disability.

All referrals received from a partner agency, such as schools and health, must be approved Together for Children for the Child/Young Person to be supported by the Service. If support is required while the Provider is waiting for approval from Together for Children, they are automatically approved to carry out up to three hours of work with the Child/Young Person.