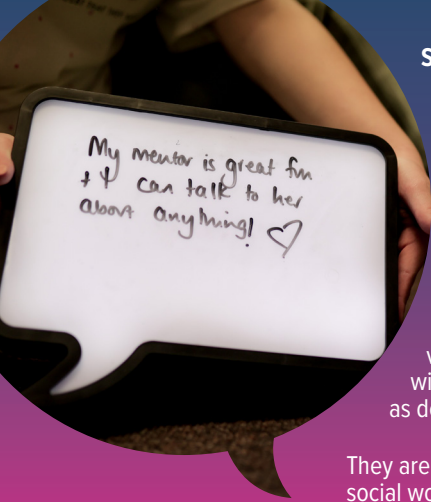




Independent
Visitor
Scheme

INFORMATION FOR YOU

The Independent Visitor Scheme provides you with the chance to meet up with a volunteer every fortnight to have a chat or do activities you both enjoy.



Sometimes, young people in care have different people coming in and out of their lives. The Independent Visitor Scheme can put you in contact with someone who wants to visit you for a couple of hours every two weeks.

Independent Visitors (IVs) are volunteers. They will spend time with you and listen to you, as well as doing activities you both enjoy.

They are independent – they are not social workers or part of Social Services.

Volunteers are carefully chosen so that we can find someone that we think you'll get on well with.

Your match to a volunteer should last at least a year and you'll have the option to stay with the Scheme until you're 18.

Your IV, or the IV project worker, can support you at your LAC reviews if you like or help you raise important issues.



“It’s important for young people to feel able to have someone to talk to”

“IV really helps young teenagers feel safe and helps them become a different person if they join”

“A friend that I can talk to about anything and have fun with”

If you would like to get involved with the Scheme, speak to your social worker and they can contact the IV project worker on:

Tel: 028 9032 0157 **Email:** admin@niacro.co.uk



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