The Doncaster Children's Services Trust provides advocacy for all children and young people who are receiving a service from us. This includes children and young people who are:

- Receiving a service from the IFST
- Subject to a Child in Need Plan
- Subject to a CP Plan
- Subject to care proceedings
- In care

**Children who are subject to a Child Protection Plan**

Children who are subject to a CP Plan receive advocacy services via our contract with Barnardo’s Children’s Advocacy and Participation Service (CAPS).

The main purpose of this service is to ensure that children and young people are able to share their views at Core Groups and Child Protection Conferences. This includes supporting children and young people to complete consultations, supporting them to attend meetings or attending on their behalf.

**All other children and young people**

Two advocacy Social Workers are employed within the Safeguarding and Standards Unit to provide advocacy support to all other children and young people in receipt of a service from the Doncaster Children's Services Trust. Services include helping young people to contribute to meetings such as Planning Meetings, CIN Meetings, LAC Reviews etc. In addition when a child or young person wishes to make a complaint they will also be offered the support of an advocate.

In relation to children in care the advocates will also be undertaking “exit interviews” with children and young people following a placement move or them leaving care.
The advocates are:

**Lewis Barber** lewis.barber@dcstrust.co.uk  01302 7(34029)

**Janet Self** janet.self@dcstrust.co.uk  01302 7(36947)

Young people can refer themselves to this service but in practice the majority of referrals come from allocated case holders, Residential Workers or IROs.

Information relating to advocacy in Doncaster Children's Services Trust is below including the referral form for Social Workers, Residential Workers and IROs: