



One minute guide

Children in Care Council – No Labels



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About the Children in Care Council

Nottinghamshire County Council values and recognises the importance of young people's participation and consultation. The aim of the Children In Care Council and the No Labels Meetings is to give young people a voice, be heard and to enable them to have an active role in shaping and reviewing the services they receive.

Care Matters published in 2006, highlighted that it is essential looked after children have the appropriate mechanisms in place to actively have their ideas, suggestions and voice heard within the local authority.

The Children in Care Council has direct links to the [Looked After Children and Care Leavers Strategy 2022-25](#), Partnership Strategy and the Partnership Pledge.

Children in Care Council sub groups

The Children in Care Council has the following sub-groups:

- Junior Voice sub group meetings (children and young people 8 to 12 years old)
- Youth Voice sub group meeting (young people 13 to 17 years old)
- 18+ and Care Leavers Voice sub group (older young people 18 to 25 years old)

Each sub-group has elected young people standing as chair and vice chairperson and their role is to work closely with the youth workers to ensure young people get their voices heard. Everyone is included in setting the agenda and ensuring the work of the sub-group is inclusive and is completed.

Children in Care Council - No Labels meetings

No Labels is a formal Children in Care Council meeting chaired by young people with a variety of professionals/ decision makers in attendance as well as representatives from each sub-group. Within the meetings young people set the agenda and gain feedback from the representatives of the services they receive. The groups will discuss and present their projects, views, and ideas they have been working on and receive feedback from invited guests. Projects which come into the groups from expression of interest forms are also discussed and signed off.

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