

## **Advocacy &**



## **Independent Visitors Service**

Will be run by the charity CGL from October 1st 2016.

**Advocates** in East Sussex support children & young people to:

**Speak out** when professionals and other adults are making decisions about them, including decisions around placements, education and contact

Have their say in meetings like Safeguarding Conferences and LAC reviews

**Influence decisions** being made about them, and to have their wishes, feelings and views heard.

**Independent Visitors** support LAC & young people with:

**Monthly visits and activities**, with a 'matched' IV when referred by Social Workers.

**Support from an independent adult,** who does not have an 'agenda' in regard to the issues that are affecting the young person

If you work with a child or young person who would benefit from the support of an advocate or IV, or you would like to know more, please contact Sarah McStravick or Penny Ashby from 01.10.16:

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