Discover your rights!

Children and young people in care

Knowing your rights helps you to protect them and to take an active role in the care you receive.

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Your needs are the number one priority. They should be defined in an individual care plan.

Your government and child welfare organisations are responsible for making sure that these rights are respected and protected.

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