



Advocacy Services

Aycliffe Secure Centre



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Coram Voice (overview)

- Coram are a recent addition to advocacy services in Secure
- Their role is to advocate on behalf of Young People who may require or be receiving mental/emotional services from the agencies working in to the centre
- Coram is funded through NHS England and is a requirement of the new Secure STAIRS programme. This programme is a national programme which focuses on the holistic needs of Young People and Carer's
- Coram Voice will be visiting Aycliffe weekly and all young people referred into the Kolvin service will be seen by an advocate
- Coram ensure a Young Persons wishes and feelings are fed in to the MATAC (Multi Agency Team Around the Child) meetings

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Coram Voice Advocates will be managing the following issues:

- Any issues related to the Kolvin Service
- Community support in relation to a young person's mental health needs
- Support in escalating complaints around community CAMHS/Inpatient services
- Complaint's in relation to the Kolvin service
- Any issue's that may affect the young person's mental health i.e. transitional support
- Supporting young people to ascertain and receive similar support provided by the Kolvin service in the community
- Onward referrals to community advocacy providers
- Supporting young people who are due to be detained under the Mental Health Act or transferred to hospital for assessment in understanding their rights



National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) (overview)

- NYAS has held a long standing business relationship with Children's Services providing an advocacy service for Residential Children's Homes, Looked After Young People, Young People who are subject to a Protection Plan as well as Secure Services
- Their role is to represent the wishes and feelings of our Young People and ensure their voice is heard
- NYAS advocates will be visiting weekly and young people who are referred into NYAS by staff will be seen by an advocate
- NYAS Advocates also attend planned meetings with Young People as required when requested by the Young Person
- NYAS are very supportive in helping Young People move to the right placement and are strong advocates for access to family and friends

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National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) Advocates will be managing the following issues:

- All Looked After children and young people
- Children and young people in foster or residential homes
- Children and young people at home subject to care orders
- Children and young people in out of county placements
- Children and young people in short break care
- Care Leavers eligible under the Leaving Care Act
- Children and young people who wish to make a complaint, whether or not they are a Looked After Child
- All Children in Need
- Children who wish for support with the transition process, or to appeal their Education, Health and Social Care Plan or SEND planning at Tribunal
- Children and young people subject to Initial or Review Child Protection Conferences