



**To help children who have experience of care NICCY wants Government to:**

- 1. Make sure children have more stability in their lives**
- 2. Give more help to teenagers as they become adults**
- 3. Make sure children have a say in decisions about them**

## Campaign Briefing

# Children and Care

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NICCY's job is to make sure Government and other organisations provide what children and young people need for a good life.

When we talk about children we mean everyone up to the age of 18 (or 21 if they have experience of being in care or have a disability).

### Important Fact:

This briefing is part of NICCY's campaign to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

This month we are talking about children and young people who experience being in care. Alistair's story is one example of why this is important:

## Alistair's Story

Alistair is 7 and is from Coleraine. When he was two it was decided that he could not live with his parents because they were not able to look after him.

He went to live with a foster family. Alistair found it hard at the beginning but after a while he settled in and on his third birthday he started pre-school. He really loved meeting new friends and trying new things. But when he was four, just before he started primary school, Alistair had to move to a new foster family.

Since then Alistair has gone to live with another foster family and has moved school. No one involved him in these decisions. He is very reluctant to make friends and is worried about having to move again. He misses his Mum and Dad.

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