

# Your Life, Your Care: 4-7 year olds survey findings



We asked you some questions about what life is like for you. We asked lots of children in care the same questions. This is what you all told us and what we want to do.

## YOU SAID

### What was good?

- All of you liked school.
- All of you felt safe and settled where you live.
- All of you got the chance to have fun.
- Most of you wrote that you had a really good friend.
- Most of you said your carers noticed how you feel.

### What was bad?

- Two of you said you felt 'very sad' the day before the survey.
- Only some of you knew why you were in care.
- Many of you did not know your social worker.
- Some of you said you would like to play outdoors more.

# YOU SAID

*If I knew why I had a social worker I would understand more.*

*I want my own bedroom. But when we move I will have my own room.*

**What would make care better?**  
*For my mummy to come to my house and have dinner with us.*

*I would like to go Split dancing.*

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# Your Life, Your Care: 8-11 year olds survey findings



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## YOU SAID

### What was good?

- Almost all of you said you had a good friend.
- All of you said you had an adult who you can trust.
- Most of you said your carers were interested in what you did at school.
- Most of you had a pet where you live.

### What was bad?

- Half of you did not feel your life was getting better.
- Some of you did not feel safe or settled where you live.
- Some of you did not feel included in decisions made about your life.
- Most of you didn't get the chance to help your teacher at school.

# YOU SAID

*I would like to see my mum more than once a month.*

**What would make care better?**

*No, nothing. I'm happy.*

*I would like to have contact in different places.*

*I would like it to be more awesome.*

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# Your Life, Your Care: 11-18 year olds survey findings



In February and March 2018, we asked you some questions about what life is like for you to understand how we can make it better. We asked lots of children in care the same questions. This is what you all told us and what we want to do because of what you said.

## YOU SAID

### What was good?

- Almost all of you felt safe where you live and said your carers noticed how you were feeling.
- Almost all of you thought your carers were interested in what you were doing at school or college.
- All of you who gave an answer trusted your carers.
- Most of you said you have a really good friend.
- Most of you, including all of the girls, felt included in the decisions made about your life.

### What was bad?

- Several of you wanted more contact with your family, especially your mum, brothers and sisters.
- More than a third of you had had three or more social workers in the last 12 months..
- School could be better for lots of you.
- More than a third of you said no one had explained why you were in care or that you wanted to know more.
- Nearly a third of you felt unhappy and some of you worried about the future.
- A third of boys felt social workers made decisions without including them.

# YOU SAID

*They talk about it in front of other people who give me weird looks.*

**What would make care better?**  
*Having the wifi code*

**What would make care better?**  
*Nothing as I'm happy with my life as it is.*

*I would like to see my sisters more please.*

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