

The Children in Care Co-operative – making sure Our Children’s voices are heard

Our Children

Our Children (Manchester’s looked after children and care leavers) are all part of the Children in Care Co-operative. This means they’ll get the chance to have their say about their experiences, feelings, and ideas for change in whichever way is best for them. They’ll work towards a common goal – to help improve the services they and their peers receive. Every professional who works with Our Children is responsible for helping them have their say and ensuring that their views and feelings are reflected in the services we offer them.

Our Children can have their say:

- Via engagement events and consultations (online and face to face)
- By feeding back directly to their chosen professional, in whichever way they like, ie. children may choose to express their feelings in creative ways, such as via poetry. Any form of expression should be heard, and not dismissed
- In their Personal Education Plans (PEPs)
- Via Engagement Champions (there is one in every team)
- At the children’s Our Manchester Experience (designed by them, for them)
- Through the children in care cooperative - Conversations led by young people with corporate parents in young people friendly environments. Young people will be supported to do this by their professional of choice and on occasion will run the sessions
- At statutory reviews and planning meetings
- Through the young people’s advocacy service
- Through coproduction - We have a coproduction charter
- At the end of service feedback.

Refer to the engagement and participation framework for children and young people – A Journey from Voice to Influence.

Professionals involved:

