



Rights & Voice

Devon County Council

The Promise

November 2021

Devon have co-produced 'The Promise' which is a list of commitments to children whilst they are in care. They are based on what children say matters – the Bright Spots findings, along with other work, helped shape the work.

[Find out more about the Bright Spots Programme](#)

Why?

Devon have taken part in the Bright Spots Programme for a number of years. They wanted to make sure they were actively using the findings from the survey(s) in their support and services & that what they do is focused on what is important to their children.

What did they do?

The Local Authority worked together with young people to create a list of commitments for all children and young people in care in Devon. There are five key areas:

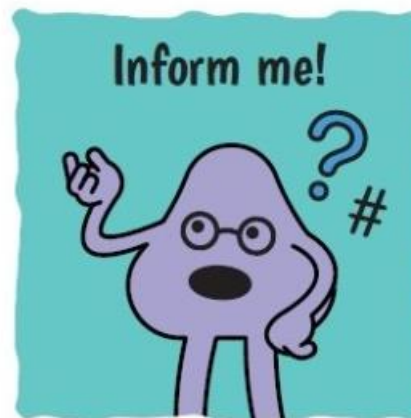
1. Inform Me
2. Involve Me
3. Celebrate Me
4. Respect Me
5. Support Me.

Lots of the things in the Promise link closely to the Bright Spots well-being indicators e.g. helping children understand why they are in care; making sure children have someone they can trust; supporting children to make and maintain friendships – all things which children in care say makes life good.

Everyone in the local authority should know about the Promise, including children who are encouraged to let their carer or worker know when they feel commitments are not being kept.

What difference is it making?

The Promise is on the children in care website (Stand up Speak up) and all workers and carers have been told about it. There was a one year review to check how it was going.



Discover the full list of commitments included in the Promise [here](#).