

EASTERN COLLABORATIVE CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL NETWORK MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Welcome to May's ECCRN newsletter. The theme for this month's newsletter is children's Rights, Resilience & Recognition. A child's resilience is drawn from the environment in which they live: I have - an environment that keeps me safe and nurtures my talents and ambitions. I am - a child who knows their identity. I can - act on the world to achieve my goals.

Please absorb and enjoy!



I HAVE: RIGHTS

One aspect of emotional security is knowing your rights

Children in Parliament - Education Select Committee

MPs hearing directly from care-experienced young people:

Young people who have been in care were invited by MPs to discuss their experiences of the care system, including if they were placed in accommodation out of their local area, and how they were supported with their education, housing and getting an apprenticeship.

Watch what was said here: [Parliamentlive.tv - Education Committee](https://parliamentlive.tv/Event/Parliament-Live-Education-Committee)

Read what was said here: committees.parliament.uk/oralevidence/15377/pdf/

Attend an All-Party Parliamentary Group for Care-Experienced Children and Young People (APPG)



All-Party Parliamentary Group - Become

APPG meetings bring together lots of people with different personal and professional experiences, including those with lived experience of the care system, professionals and carers, representations organisations and others to share their expertise with decision makers in government, parliament and local authorities. The APPG also carries out 'inquiries' which look into specific issues in the care system and make recommendations to the government about how things can change.

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MOST RECENT ACTIVITY REPORT:

[APPG FOR CECYP - BECOME](#)

MPs in the Eastern region who are members:

Jess Asato - Labour Lowestoft Suffolk

Patrick Spencer - Conservative MP for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

Pippa Heylings - Liberal Democrat MP South Cambridgeshire

Bayo Alaba - Labour Southend and Rochford

Jake Richards, Labour candidate for Rother Valley put forwards ideas for a new law to be introduced to help keep more children in care within their local communities.

Organisations for children in care: [Become Home Page](#), [The Care Leavers Association](#), [Coram Voice](#).



PASS IT ON...

Children in Care - where to get expert legal advice?

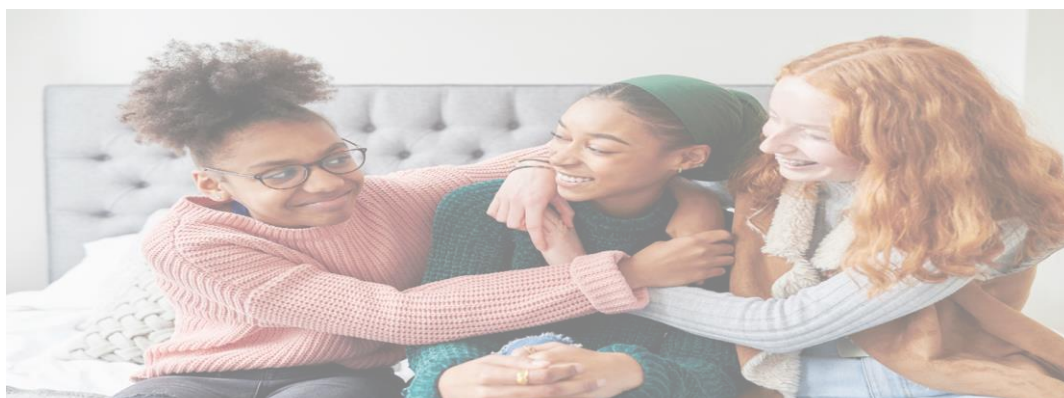
[Children's Rights organisation Article 39](#) | We stand with children and young people. Always.

[Includes rights4children](#) | Children's rights in England - Your life, Your feelings, Where you live, When things are difficult, Leaving & Moving)

[National Youth Advocacy Service | NYAS](#)

[Coram Advocacy | Coram Voice](#)

[UN Convention on Rights of a Child \(UNCRC\) - UNICEF UK](#) | The UNCRC sets out children's rights relating to health and education, leisure and play, fair and equal treatment, protection from exploitation and the right to be heard.



I AM: RESILIENCE & IDENTITY

**I am one supported and
supporting others**

Children in Care Councils CHICC – Hertfordshire

We work with children, young people and families to ensure their voices are heard. We gather their feedback by phone, in-person visits and in group settings. It's an ongoing cycle:

1. Listen to the voices of children, young people and families.
2. Co-produce improvements to services.
3. Implement improvements to services.
4. Communicate back to our children, young people and families on the impact of their voice.

CHICC welcomes children and young people with experience of being in care. We have several groups:

- CHICC Junior group – young people aged 10–12 years
- CHICC Deputies group – young people aged 13–15 years
- CHICC Care Leavers group – care leavers aged 16–25 years

The groups come together monthly to share their views and experiences with their journey in care and beyond. The aim is to help us shape our service so we continue to meet young people's needs and be the best corporate parents we can. Our groups take a 'you said we did' approach, sharing what's happened as a result of the group's feedback.

Care Leavers Protected Characteristic Motion

Cambridgeshire County Council has agreed as its policy that Care Leavers should be a protected characteristic.

Care Leavers disproportionately encounter multiple barriers and discrimination in various aspects of their lives, particularly in employment.

Protected characteristic means eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, and victimisation of people who are protected under the

[Nine Protected Characteristics](#)

[Care Leavers Protected Characteristic Motion. | Local Government Association](#)

**RECOGNITION: I CAN -
ACHIEVE MY
AMBITIONS**

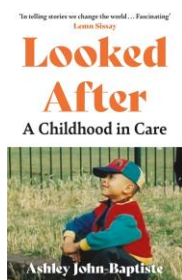


[A list of incredible UK people who were fostered adopted or in children's homes | Lemn Sissay](#)

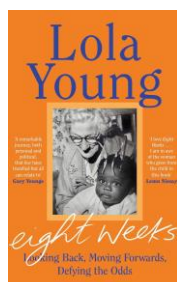
From an Olympic medalist*, TV presenter, Poet, Army Mayor, Chief Constable, Novelist and a BAFTA winning Comedian. They all had experience of growing up in the care system. This is great list to explore with young people and to exhibit as role models around the home.

Fatima Whitbread, MBE has founded a [Campaign](#) to improve the care system.

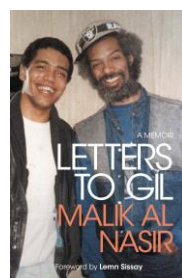
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Practice Development

Please refer to the [Improvement East](#) website for documents relating to: Rights, Resilience & Recognition developed by [NCERCC](#).

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The next ECCRN meeting is being held on Teams on Thursday, 10 July – 10.30 – 12.30

