

## Council and Third Sector Support for Care Experienced Children & Young People

Service	How can they help?
Edinburgh City Council	Edinburgh Council provides a <a href="#">range of services</a> for Care Experienced children and young people and their families.
Midlothian Council	There are updates and links to the Champions Board on the <a href="#">Midlothian Council website</a> , as well as <a href="#">health services for children</a> .
East Lothian Council	There are a range of services for <a href="#">Care Experienced children and young people</a> and <a href="#">their families</a> within East Lothian Council area.
West Lothian Council	West Lothian Council has services to support <a href="#">Care Experienced children and young people</a> and <a href="#">families</a> .
Who Cares? Scotland	<p><a href="#">Who Cares? Scotland</a> is an organisation that advocates and provide support services for Care Experienced children and young people. The organisation can help through:</p> <p>Linking the child/young person with an advocate to help the child/young person speak to their social worker, carers, Children's Panel members or teachers.                      Their helpline can provide support and advice on advocacy, finances and housing.                      Helping connect child/young person with other Care Experienced children and young people.</p>
Welfare Advice and Financial Wellbeing Support	<p><a href="#">Community Help and Advice Initiative (CHAI)</a> is a free service based at the Royal Hospital Children and Young People, offering independent and impartial advice to people on their income, welfare rights, debt and employment.</p> <p>Contact CHAI on 07464 927716</p>
Independent Advocacy	<a href="#">Independent advocacy</a> organisations can help children and young people to have their voices heard in decisions which affect their lives. Independent advocates work in a variety of settings including the community, education, care homes, prisons and hospital settings.
MCR Pathways	A <a href="#">school-based mentoring programme</a> which supports young people to find, grow and use their talents. The aim is for young people to build confidence, broaden aspirations and explore their future pathways. MCR's Young Talent programme helps young people progress to positive post-school destinations.
Kindred	<p>Kindred is an advocacy service for children with complex needs. The service is based Royal Hospital for Children and Young People. Kindred can assist with:</p> <p><a href="#">Funding applications</a> including assistance with travel costs  <a href="#">Benefits</a> such as <a href="#">Child Disability Payment</a> (previously known as Disability Living Allowance)  <a href="#">Advocacy</a> at meetings with hospital staff                      Access to <a href="#">counselling</a>                      Assistance with arranging to leave hospital ('discharge planning')</p> <p>Referrals can be made by phone <a href="tel:01313120362">0131 312 0362</a> or via email <a href="mailto:enquiries@kindred-scotland.org">enquiries@kindred-scotland.org</a>. For more information visit their <a href="#">website</a>.</p>
Young Scot National Entitlement Card	The Young Scot National Entitlement Card allows children and young people to access free/discounted travel and a range of supports and discounts. For more information go to their <a href="#">website</a> .
Legal Advice	<p>The <a href="#">Scottish Child Law Centre</a> provides free legal advice, guidance and information about the law for and about children and young people.  <a href="#">Clan Childlaw</a> provides free legal advice and representation for children and young people.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Ethnic Minorities Law Centre</a> provides legal and immigration advice and representation to individuals from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities in Scotland.</p>