

Independent Visitors For Children In Care

Reconstruct is the provider of independent visiting for looked after children and young people in Milton Keynes, Reading, Bristol, BANES and South Gloucestershire offering them the opportunity to build a long term, trusting, one to one relationship with a reliable, committed adult role model.

Children and young people have a say in the type of visitor they would like, the things they will do together and whether or not they want a visitor at all. Visitors are warm, friendly, understand boundaries and they are recruited, trained and supported to work safely with vulnerable young people by Reconstruct.

Reconstruct works in a child centred way and will adapt our service to meet the individual needs of the child.

- Children, carers and professionals can make a referral.
- Any child in care can have a visitor who will take them out on a monthly basis for approximately 2-3 hours
- Visitors are independent from social services.
- Activities during visits can range from going out for food, to the cinema, playing sport, to arts and crafts.
- Young people in care have many changes but they can have the same visitor until they turn 18.
- Young people tell us that having a visitor is a rewarding and positive experience that has benefitted them in many ways.
- Having a visitor offers a safe place for young people to share thoughts and feelings with an adult they trust.
- Independent visiting is about empowerment, building confidence and raising self-esteem.

For more information or to make a referral call our helpline number on 0800 389 1571 or email yourvoice@reconstruct.co.uk