

What's it all about?

Definition

Children's rights are about prioritising the needs and rights of the children in decisions that are made. These should be in line with the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, as well as considering basic human rights and how these are met with the children. It is about advocating on children's behalf when making decisions.

What it is not

Children's rights is not about doing what is easiest and what is going to make your day better, it is about considering the children and their needs at all times.



Children's rights



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NQS -

5.1.2 - Dignity and rights of the child
Learning

Framework -

Principle - Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships

Regs - 115 & 155

How to achieve it



Put yourself in the place of the children and consider how you would feel if you were a child in the service. Would you like to be spoken to the way you speak to children? Would you feel valued with the experiences that have been implemented?



Look at the UN rights of the child and use these as a reflection prompt to explore what they look like in your service and how you achieve this.



Discuss your rights and how you see these as adults and then consider whether you give the children the same opportunities and rights.



Recognise that children cannot necessarily stand up for themselves and we need to do that for them.