

Pathways to participation

listening, hearing and acting

Consultation

Children/young people's views are taken into account by adults

"It's important for me to know what's happening in my life."

Jasmin, 16



Deciding Together

Children/young people are involved in decision-making (together with adults)

"When you involve me and give me options, things work out for both of us."

Kiel, 16



Supported

Children/young people make autonomous decisions

"Participation is important because it helps kids in care achieve more freedom for themselves."

Matt, 16



Acting Together

Children/young people share power and responsibility for decision-making with adults

"It's my life and I deserve to have a say."

Bec, 15



Four approaches or pathways to participation (Wilcox, 1994; Kirby 2003; CREATE 2006)

