#### Commitment of Referral

- To provide information about the referred child, their current circumstances and their background.
- To meet with Befriend a Child and the befriender at a match meeting.
- •To take the befriender to meet the child and parent/guardian for an initial introduction.
- Maintain contact with the befriender.
- Update Befriend a Child and the befriender with any new information or changes in circumstances.
- Provide feedback to Befriend a Child for the 6 month review with the befriender.
- Return all telephone calls and emails from Befriend a Child.
- Complete and return evaluations.





#### Policies and **Procedures**

Copies of all policies and procedures are available by request from our office or under the Downloads section of our website www.befriendachild.org.uk.

For any more information about making a referral please contact Jean Gordon, Befriending Development Manager:

#### Jean@befriendachild.org.uk.



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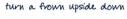
## Information for Referrers

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### Who We Are

Befriend a Child is a successful Aberdeen Charity (est. 1975) providing a 1:1 befriending service for vulnerable children/ young people aged 4.5 - 16 years in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.



#### **Our Aims**

Through befriending our aim is to improve the quality of vulnerable and deprived children's lives by introducing them to new experiences.

Forming a trusting relationship with a caring, reliable adult becomes a valuable aid in the children's social, emotional and educational development, which in turn may help them to mature into responsible adults.

#### Our Befrienders

Our befrienders are expected to befriend for a minumum of one year, taking a child out for 2 hours or more twice a month.

All our befrienders are aged 19+ and undergo a rigorous recruitment and training programme which includes a full PVG, Child Protection, Confidentiality and Substance Misuse Awareness.

### What We Don't Do

We do not get personally involved with the child and the family. We are not a statutory body and see no value in burdening the child and family with yet another outside agency.

We do not provide a respite service for parent/guardians.

#### **GIRFEC**

Befriend a Child follow the guidelines of GIRFEC. Staff are available to attend any initial and review meetings for any child referred to the Organisation.



# Reasons for Referral

Issues which impact on a child's self-confidence and may include:

- Inconsistent parenting
- Lack of a positive adult role model
- Parental substance misuse
- Social isolation
- Abuse
- Behavioural problems



#### **Referral Forms**

Please provide full details in typed format as to why the child needs a befriender.

This information is vital in finding a suitable befriender. We will write to you acknowledging receipt of the referral.

When we have identified a possible befriender we will contact you to arrange a match meeting. If the child also has a GIRFEC plan please submit this with the referral.