

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.



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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:

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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 minimum 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 follows the guidelines of GIRFEC. Staff are available to attend any initial and review meetings for any child referred to the Organisation.

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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.