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Advocacy Awareness Week

13-17 October 2025

Grace - Young Person, Age 17

Grace reached out to YLF after a friend told her about our advocacy service. Grace was living in supported accommodation and attended Grammar School close by. She was doing well at school and aspired to go to university in the future. She was turning 18 and was told by her social worker, that she was being moved to another town some distance away from her school. She knew she would not be able to travel to school and the move would put her future in jeopardy. Grace was aware she could not remain in her current placement as she was going to be an adult, but she had hoped for a move closer to school. Grace was allocated an advocate as a matter of urgency as the move was imminent. Grace had already shared her concerns with her Social Worker and IRO but had received no response to her letter. Grace met with her advocate, who submitted a complaint on her behalf, with a request to freeze the placement move until all options had been explored again. With Grace's permission, the advocate also contacted the children's commissioner for additional support. The children's commissioner wrote to the Local Authority to appeal for a further search for more suitable accommodation that would not impact on Grace's ability to attend school. Grace was subsequently offered new accommodation in her chosen area, close to her school. She was delighted with the outcome and thanked her advocate for her help.

"Thank you, without your support I could have lost everything. I am so grateful for your help with this." - Grace



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