

A new way of working:

Reducing the number of care experienced children and young people who enter the criminal justice system.



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Some children and young people are looked after and cared for by a local authority.

They can be in care for lots of different reasons including keeping them safe.

Many care experienced children and young people have also experienced emotional harm, trauma, and other issues.

Lots of them overcome these challenges and reach their goals. Others find themselves involved in the criminal justice system.

The decisions people make when this happens, and the support they get, changes their future.

The Welsh Government have worked with partners to write an **All Wales Protocol on preventing and reducing the criminalisation of care experienced children and young people.**

This is a new framework.

It sets out the best ways of working with care experienced children and young people, including:

- being aware of trauma and other issues
- being aware of vulnerability and criminal exploitation
- being aware of children's rights.

By following this framework and working together we can help care experienced children and young people have a better future!

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[All Wales Protocol](#)

