

## INFORMATION SHEET

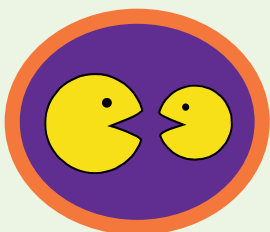
### Younger Children

My name is Helen Whincup. I work at Stirling University and teach social workers

I have been talking to children and social workers about the time they spend together so that I can let social workers know what children find helpful.

### WHO DID I TALK TO?

**2** children helped me to get my questions ready.



Then, I talked to **6** children (aged 6-15 years) who were on Home Supervision Orders under s70 Children (Scotland) Act 1995. These are now called Compulsory Supervision Orders.

I also spoke to **2** social work assistants, **6** social workers and **3** team managers (**11** in total).

### WHAT DID CHILDREN AND SOCIAL WORKERS SAY?

- The relationship between a child and their social worker is important. Children said they want to know their social worker “*cares about*” them. One child said that their worker would “*never say she’s too busy*”.
- Most children said that they like having someone who they can “*talk to*” and who will help if are worried about anything.
- Some children want to “*do*” more things with their social worker like going for a walk or having something to eat.

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- Sometimes social workers use “*big words*” which makes it hard to know what they are saying.
- Social workers talked about the ways they try to help children.
- Social workers said they want to spend more time with children but sometimes the amount of written work gets in the way.
- Some offices where social workers work did not seem to be built with children in mind.

## WHAT AM I GOING TO DO NEXT?

I am speaking to social workers so that they know what children and young people have said is helpful. I will also ask social workers to give this sheet to children and their parent(s).

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the children, young people, and social workers who took part. I am very grateful for your time, and hope that what you told me will help others.



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