

CONNECTING FAMILIES CHARTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH PARENT(S) IN PRISON

Children and young people with parent(s) in prison should be helped to write letters, make phone calls or visit if they want to.

Children and young people should be supported to tell other professionals as required e.g. school teachers, so they can access the right support.

Children and young people with parent(s) in prison should be told where their parent(s) are, and how long they will be there for. The Connecting Families Key Worker should help the family to gain clear communication in this respect.

Children and young people should be able to talk to an adult in confidence that can help and support them. The Connecting Families Key Worker should fulfil this role and/or support the child/young person to find another adult who can help support them with this – If a child is at risk this would need to be reported following the normal procedure.

If the Police arrest a family member, the Connecting Families Key Worker should support the other members of the family to gain a clear picture of what is happening. The Key Worker should work with other professionals to ensure that the children and young people have a suitable place to stay during this difficult time.

Connecting Families should help support all families known to them, by putting in place the items above.