

# Sibling foster care - keeping brothers and sisters together

One of our promises to children and young people is to do our very best to find more placements which allow brothers and sisters to live together. Our young children in care council, Young Voices Making Choices, helped us develop some messages to raise awareness and encourage more foster carers to look after brothers and sisters.

Here's what our Young Voices Making Choices group said:

**Christian:** "I think brothers and sisters should only be separated if one bullies the other."

**Ellis:** "I think they should stay together because they're family and it's not fair to separate family."

**Jennifer:** "I think brothers and sisters shouldn't be parted because one of them could have something wrong with them and might want to stay with their brother or sister."

**Hannah:** "It depends on the situation that the siblings are in. If one is abusive to the other it's ok to split them up but if they don't have a reason to be split up they shouldn't."

**Liam:** "Sisters and brothers belong together."

**J.B.B:** "Brothers and sisters should stay together because they might be all each other have."

If you would like to find out more about helping keep brothers and sisters together in foster care, speak to someone from our friendly team 01670 62 62 62 or email us [familyplacement@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:familyplacement@northumberland.gov.uk).