

# Staying Connected: Care experienced children and young people with a sibling in custody



## We need your help!



Are you a care-experienced\* child or young person (up to 25) who has experience of a brother or sister\*\* being remanded or sentenced in a prison or secure accommodation?



Are you a child or young person (up to 25) who has spent time in a prison or secure accommodation on remand or in custody and have a care experienced brother or sister?



Would you like to take part in an interview, in person or online, about what this was like for you?

We know it can be really hard for children who are separated from their siblings when they are in care

"Don't split us up. It is hard enough coming into care without not seeing my brother/sister"

We know it can be difficult for care experienced children and young people to keep in touch with family members in prison

We know being separated from a brother or sister who is in prison can be a big loss in someone's life

I "didn't have [my] support network"

**BUT, we don't know anything about what it might be like for brothers and sisters where one is care-experienced and one is in prison.**

**We have set up a research project to look at these experiences because we want to find out what it is like for these brothers and sisters and to then use this information to make things better.**

**If you would like to take part in this research, or you have any questions, please contact the researcher Kirsty Deacon - [Kirsty.Deacon@scra.gov.uk](mailto:Kirsty.Deacon@scra.gov.uk) or 07494 675189**



\* "Care-experience" means all looked after children and young people. This includes children with Compulsory Supervision Orders made by Children's Hearings, those in the care of a local authority on a voluntary basis, those with Permanence Orders made by the courts, and those in informal kinship care. They can be living at home, with kinship or foster carers, in residential units/schools or secure units.

\*\* "Brother/Sister" means full, half and step-brothers/sisters as well as "sibling-like" relationships so brothers and sisters from foster or adopted families or residential placements.



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