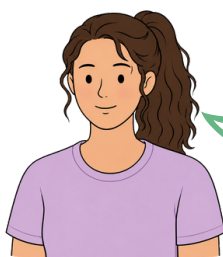




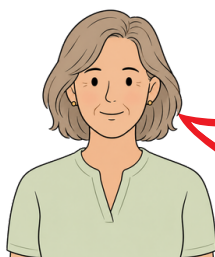
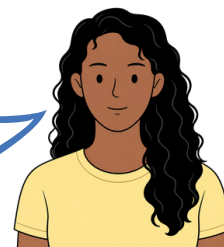
ASSIST Children and Young People's Team helps children and young people across Northern Ireland, under the age of 18, who have experienced domestic or sexual abuse and have reported it, or want to report it, to the police. We listen to you, help you understand what's happening, and make sure adults know how you feel.

We are a Northern Ireland-wide service with staff located in police stations across the region as well as the Rowan Sexual Assault Referral Centre. Together, our staff cover every policing district in Northern Ireland, working closely with the police so that victims of domestic and sexual abuse using our service are supported.



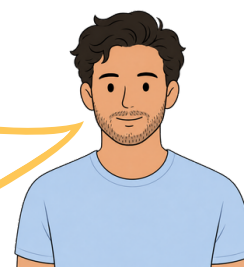
Our advocates act as independent voices for children and young people navigating the Criminal Justice Process.

We make sure you have all the information you need to make informed and empowered decisions.



Our team assesses risk and works with you to create personalised safety plans that reduce harm and support your wellbeing.

We identify your needs and connect you to the right support, including specialist services for you or your family.





## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who can use the advocacy service?

The advocacy service is available if you are a victim of a domestic and/or sexual abuse crime who has reported to the police or would like support with reporting to the police.

### Can I change my mind about using the service?

Yes, at any point you can change your mind and decide that you no longer wish to have this service. This will in no way impact how any criminal justice case is dealt with.

### Is the service free?

Yes. The advocacy service is free. There are no charges associated with the services provided.

### How long will the advocate work with me?

Typically an advocate will contact you shortly after you have reported the crime to the police (or where you have been referred by the Rowan). The length of time spent with any person will depend on their individual needs and circumstances or as long as there is an ongoing criminal case.

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