

## Area Board Briefing Note – Independent Visitor Scheme

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The Independent Visitor Scheme needs more volunteers! Independent Visitors are adult volunteers who are matched with young people in care to visit, advise and befriend them. We currently have nearly 70 approved and matched Independent Visitors but with over 400 young people in care in Wiltshire, we need more to provide this vital and life changing service.

Volunteers are asked to give a long term commitment to visit a young person every 3-4 weeks, for a couple of hours, to have fun, try new things and build a strong and lasting relationship. Training and ongoing support is provided, with all expenses covered.

If anyone is interested, please could they get in contact with [IVScheme@Wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:IVScheme@Wiltshire.gov.uk) for more information on how to apply!