



you spoke
we listened...

Words not to use

- Difficult to place
- Failed by the system

Current word	Words we prefer
Abscond	Go missing, runaway, not be where I should be
Advocate	Advocate, someone whom speaks up for me, someone to help me phrase my words, someone whom is independent
Asylum Seeker	Asylum Seeker, Sanctuary Seeker, use names
Biological parents	Birth parents, Mum, Dad, “tummy mummy”
Challenging behaviour	Misunderstood behaviour, distressing behaviour
Contact	Family time, seeing my family, going for a visit
Foster Parent	Foster Parent, Foster Carer, “names of Carers”, “Mum , Dad” <i>personal / bespoke to the child / young person</i>
Leaving Care	Moving on to independence, getting my own place, ready to leave home
Long Term Placement	My home, forever home, my family
Moving placements	Going to live with a new family, new Carer/ new Foster Parent
NEET	Just say we are not in school and don’t have a job and help us with this
Peers	Friends , mates
PEP	Explain what it is first then use the acronym
Placement	home, our home, my home
Referral	Use the young person’s name
Respite	Sleepover, my time, Short Break, holiday with another carer
Reunification	Going back home, returning home, going back to my family
Risk Taking Behaviours	Risk facing behaviours, young people who are at risk from others
Siblings	Brothers / sisters
Social Worker	Social Worker, just use their name
Special Needs	Additional needs, additional help, individual needs
Statutory Visit	Social Work visit, visit by my Social Worker
Staying Put	Staying with my family / foster parents / carers
Therapy	Therapy, counselling, support
Transition	Preparing for change, helping me with change