



Bristol's Charter for Children of Prisoners

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children
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Children with a parent in prison should be helped to write letters, make phone calls or visit if they want to



Children with a parent in prison should be welcomed and respected by prison staff



Children with a parent in prison should be told where they are and how long they will be there for



Children with a parent in prison should be able to talk to an adult in confidence who can help & support



When police arrest someone they should take into account the impact on the child



Professionals (teachers, nurses etc) should know how many children in Bristol have a parent in prison and how to support them

This charter has been produced by 9 young people in Bristol aged 8-16 with a parent or family member in prison. It also draws on a Devon research project by Dr Owen Gill focussing on recommendations for children in families affected by parental imprisonment.