

CELCIS – Your right to continuing care

Erin's Story

Continuing Care and living with her gran in Kinship Care

Jelly the cat

Hi Erin, you look sad. What's the matter?

Erin

I'm worried about my future. My grandma is getting older now and she won't be able to look after me forever. But my mom's not doing too great just now and I really can't move back in with her either. I heard that I might have to move out on my own at 16 but I don't want that. I don't know what's going to happen to me and it's pretty scary if I'm honest.

Jelly the cat

Yeah, that sounds tough. But they aren't your only options, you know. You don't have to move into your own place anytime soon, not for years yet! You have the right to continuing care, which means you can stay with adults up until you're 21, even if it's not your grandma or mom!

Erin

Really? I didn't know that. I just want what's best for everyone, including me.

Jelly the cat

No, I understand. And when the time comes for you to think about this properly just remember, you don't have to move anywhere you don't want to. There are loads of places you can go to to get advice about your options. People are available to help you think about what's best for you and your family. So don't worry!

Erin

Thank you, Jelly. I feel so much better now!