

CELCIS – Your right to continuing care

Katie's Story

Continuing Care on a Permanence Order

Jelly the cat

Hey, Katie, what's up? I thought you had homework to do tonight.

Katie

I do, but I can't concentrate. I'm a bit worried. I've lived here with Bob and Helen for years. They are like my mum and dad. But I overheard Helen on the phone to my social worker earlier and then my social worker spoke to me afterwards...

Jelly the cat

OK, and why is that worrying you?

Katie

They were talking about all these different orders. Signing paperwork, talking about fees and allowances and stuff. I'm scared I will need to move out because none of this makes sense and I don't understand what to do...

Jelly the cat

Okay, I get it - that does sound confusing. But look, don't worry. This is your home, Katie. You will still be living here on your 16th birthday in a few weeks' time, so you will be entitled to continuing care! You don't need to go anywhere or sign anything if you don't want to. If you still don't understand anything when the time comes, you can always ask an independent advocate to help you. They will explain it all to you and make sure you're listened to as well. You don't have to leave!

Katie

That's amazing Jelly, thanks. I was really worried for a while there!