

How to use Mind Of My Own

A short guide for  
**CHILD PROTECTION**

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## Why should I use Mind Of My Own?

- Mind Of My Own apps will save you time. You'll receive a pdf of the child's views, wishes and feelings which you can upload to their file
- Receiving Mind Of My Own statements from children and young people ensures you have evidenced the voice of the child

## How do I sign up or log in to my worker account?

Open your web browser (Google Chrome or Internet Explorer) and go to [workers.mindofmyown.org.uk](http://workers.mindofmyown.org.uk)

- Choose the Organisation you're working with from the drop down list
- Fill out your First Name, Last Name, and Email Address
- Click On 'Sign Up'

## Why do I need a worker account?

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- To use Mind Of My Own with young people you work with
- To familiarise yourself with the apps (using the 'Test Profile')
- To create an Express account for a child or young person

## When should I use Mind Of My Own?

### 1. Preparing for meetings

- ✓ Child Protection Conferences
  - ✓ Statutory Visits
  - ✓ Assessments
- ✓ Any other meeting or review

### 2. Direct Work

- ✓ Understanding lived experience
- ✓ Journey mapping through care
- ✓ Understanding risk & resilience
- ✓ Identifying safeguarding risks

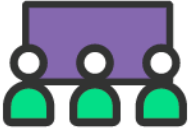
## Who can I use Mind Of My Own with?

Any child or young person you work with, any time you work with them

## Preparing for meetings



What is this for?      When is this used?



## Prepare for a Child Protection Conference

- Prepares every young person for their child protection conference
  - ✓ Child Protection Conferences
- Gives you a clear understanding of what the child wants to talk about during the meeting, allowing you to focus on what matters to them
  - ✓ Direct work sessions



## How did the meeting go?

- Gives young people the opportunity to feedback on how the meeting went from their perspective
  - ✓ After all meetings

Understand the child's wellbeing



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When is this used?



- Allows young people to reflect on their current life situation
  - Gives the worker an opportunity to see into the corners of their life you may not see otherwise
- ✓ Encourage individual use anytime
  - ✓ Social work visits
  - ✓ Assessments & investigations
  - ✓ Meetings & reviews



- Understanding the child's lived experience, allowing you to mitigate against risks
  - Identify key risk and resilience indicators, giving a unique insight into the child's wellbeing
- ✓ Encourage individual use anytime
  - ✓ Social work visits
  - ✓ Assessments & investigations
  - ✓ Meetings & reviews

Sharing good news and sorting problems



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When is this used?



Share my good news



Sort a problem

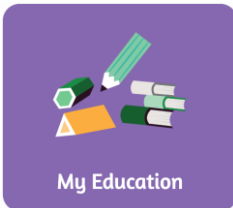
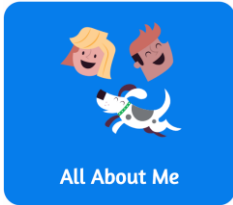
- Can be used as part of life story work to capture events in the child's own words
  - ✓ Encourage individual use anytime
- Young people asked us to put this in the app. They wanted a specific place to talk about things that are going well.
  - ✓ After planned events
- Solve issues at the earliest stage possible
  - ✓ Encourage individual use anytime
- Often the change is small and easy for the worker to action, but the effect for the child can be huge
  - ✓ Formal complaints
  - ✓ Raising concerns

## Using Express in direct work FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS



**What is this for?**

**When is this used?**



- Gives an overview of a young person's likes and dislikes
  - ✓ One page profiles
- Develops a one page profile so the child does not keep having to tell their story over and over again
  - ✓ Before health checks
  - ✓ Assessments
  - ✓ Statutory visits
  - ✓ All other meetings and reviews
- Understanding the child's learning preferences and the academic support they need
  - ✓ Education, health and care plans
  - ✓ Education planning
  - ✓ Assessments
- Understanding how they feel at school and to embed the child's voice into education planning
  - ✓ Statutory visits
  - ✓ All other meetings and reviews

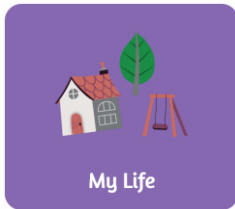
## Using Express in direct work



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**When is this used?**





- Understanding how the child feels about their health and visits to health care professionals
  - ✓ Before health checks
  - ✓ Assessments
- Explore any worries the child has about their health and understand their behaviours better
  - ✓ Statutory visits
  - ✓ All other meetings and reviews
- Exploring different aspects of a child's life and the relationships they have
  - ✓ Before health checks
  - ✓ Assessments
- Identifying safe-guarding concerns including where they feel safe or not and whether they have a trusted adult
  - ✓ Statutory visits
  - ✓ All other meetings and reviews