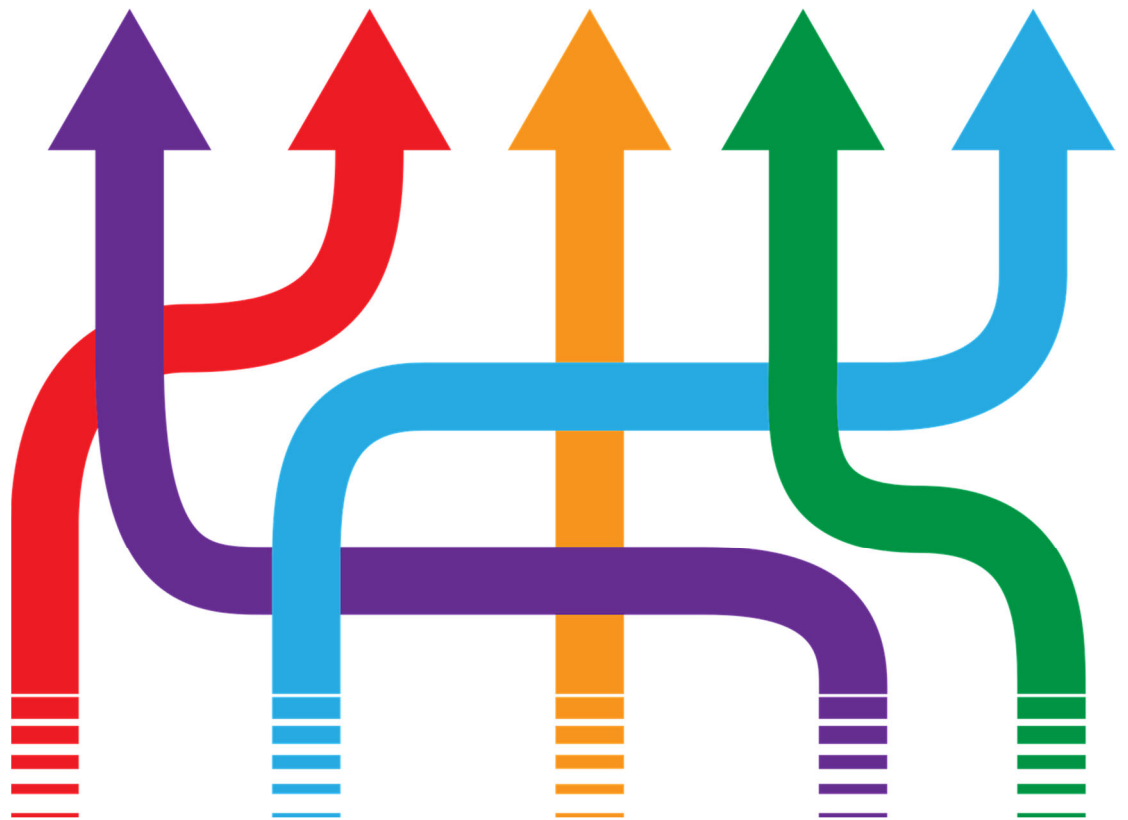




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Supporting a positive future  
for prisoners and their families



## **Parental Rights in Prison**

This project is here to support women in custody to know their rights as parents and to support and empower them, where appropriate, to exercise those rights.

# How can we help?

Family legal issues can be complex, emotional and difficult to understand. This project is here to help you work through and understand what is happening in your family situation.

Our parental rights project worker can support you with the following:

**Adoption proceedings and processes**

**Family law issues**

**CAFCASS involvement or assessment**

**Contact issues and arrangements**

**Post adoption letter writing contact**

**Support after adoption**

**Understanding legal terms and processes**



## Support from our parental rights project worker

Holly Claydon, our parental rights project worker, is based in HMP&YOI Low Newton and can offer:

- Support with understanding and exercising your parental rights
- Support to liaise with relevant external professionals
- Help with completing forms, paperwork, letters and communications in relation to family legal issues
- Post adoption support and assistance with letter contact
- Emotional help and support throughout legal processes
- Support to establish and / or understand contact arrangements

## What you need to know

### Legal Rights Workshop

We run monthly sessions with a Family Law Solicitor, who will give practice advice and information.

Come along to our workshops to:

- Be briefed by a legal specialist on your rights as a parent and the rights of your child
- Be supported and empowered to identify next steps for you and your family.

Different legal issues are explored each month.

*Look out for details of the sessions on wing posters or submit a wing app to express an interest.*

### Parental Rights Drop Ins

Come long to our weekly drop in sessions with a support worker on your wing (see posters for days/times)

The drop in sessions can be used to access support, information and advice about any issues relating to your parental rights.



We can:

- Talk through and discuss issues, thoughts and feelings
- Undertake practical activity - write letters, or plan next steps
- Work together to develop training resources

# We need your help!

We would like to develop training for professionals about how they can support people in prison around their parental rights.

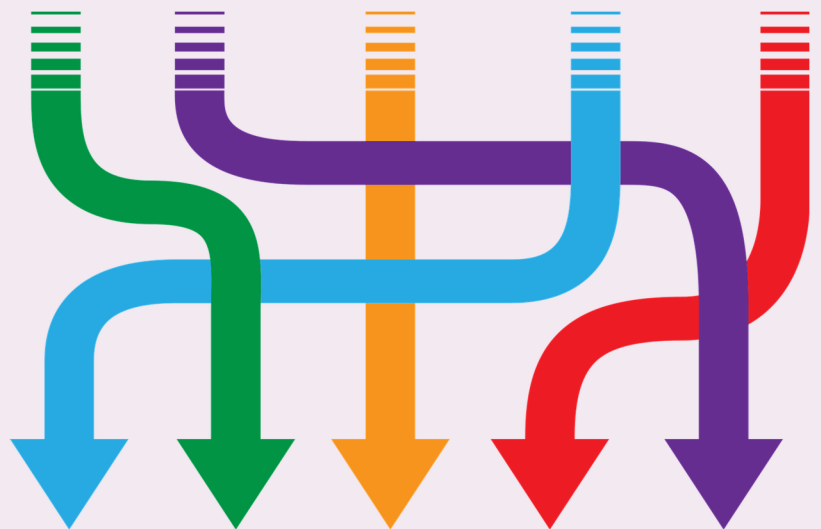
**Are you willing to use your experience of exercising your parental rights from custody to help us develop training for professionals?**

**Would you be willing to share your story?**

**Can you help us produce resources?**

## How to find out more

Get in touch with Holly Claydon by submitting a wing application, which will be sent to OMU.



Family members can access support through [www.nepacs.co.uk](http://www.nepacs.co.uk) or by speaking to a member of the visits team on 0191 376 4138. If they have specific family legal issues they can ask for their details to be shared with Holly Claydon, our parental rights in prison coordinator.

