Dear Residential Unit

The Freedom Card scheme in County Durham is primarily for children and young people in care and for care leavers, who are looked after by Durham County Council.

The aim of the scheme is to encourage and support children and young people to access community leisure, sports and cultural activities. The Young Person Freedom Card is accepted at a number of leisure centres across County Durham, also various attractions across the North East as listed in the Freedom Card Guidance.

This form is to register for Young Person’s Freedom Cards for the young people to use whilst in your unit, to gain access into venues as listed in the Freedom Card Guidance.

During our monitoring of this scheme we will from time to time send out letters asking you to give your views and opinions on the scheme. We hope that by doing this the venues available remain what children and young people enjoy accessing.

The cards each have a number written on them this is so we can identify who is using the card. If during monthly monitoring, it is found that cards have been misused, you agree to repay the cost to Investing in Children CIC.

**Please note**

The first 2 monthly block of swimming lessons will be funded by the Freedom Card scheme for looked after children.

The Freedom Card Scheme is administered by Investing in Children CIC, Should you have any questions please contact Investing in Children on 0191 3077030 or email [info@investinginchildren.net](mailto:info@investinginchildren.net)

In order to receive Young Person’s Freedom Cards please complete the registration form overleaf and return to Investing in Children CIC either by email [info@investinginchildren.net](mailto:info@investinginchildren.net) or by post. You will receive the Freedom cards through the post.

Freedom Card Nos.

For Office Use only

**Young Person’s Freedom Card Registration Form**

Young Person Freedom Card for free admission into venues as listed in the Freedom Card Guidance.

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| **Name of Residential Unit** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |

**How many beds are available to young people (placed by Durham County Council)?**

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I wish to apply for Young Person’s Freedom Card.

I have read and understood the conditions of use (insert X)

Name of Residential Manager

Date:

The information that you give us is covered by **Data Protection**.

This means that we will keep personal information secure and we will not share it with other organisations.