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What do you think is an issue for you?

Poor behaviour in school

Poor attendance record

Negative attitude toward school work or not being motivated

Underachieving at school

Being unhappy at school

Not engaging in careers information, advice and guidance

Not getting involved in activities outside school lessons

What do you feel are the reasons for this?

• Getting on at school and the motivation to do well

- problems travelling to school
- difficulty sticking at or completing school work
- not knowing my own strengths and weaknesses
- not knowing what I want to do after school
- not knowing where I want to be in 5 or 10 years
- lack of jobs to aim for locally

Learning and training after school

- lack of opportunities / courses locally
- not understanding the opportunities / courses that are available
- not interested in available opportunities / courses
- not satisfied with the careers information advice guidance offered
- not interested in thinking about the future or jobs

About me

- not having the things other people my age have
- lacking confidence or self-esteem
- misusing drugs or alcohol
- getting into trouble in the community
- moving homes or schools often
- problems with emotional or mental health
- problems with physical health

My family friends and peers

- having difficult relationship(s) with family members
- not having good friendships
- not getting on with other people my age
- not getting support or guidance from my family

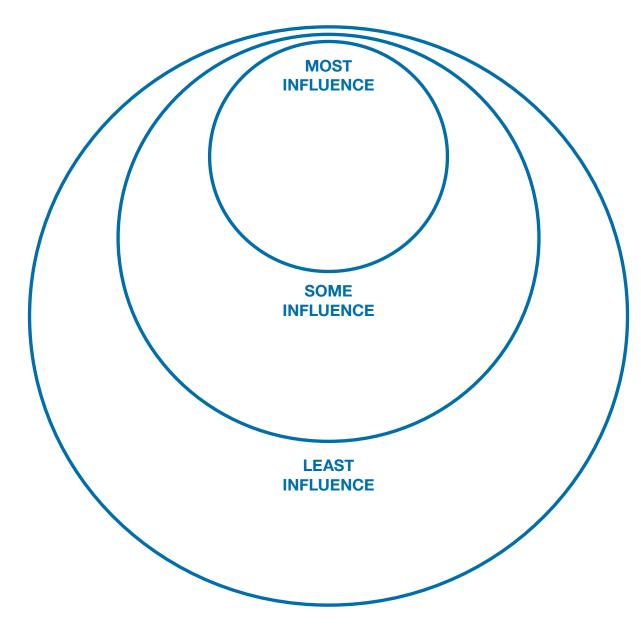
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Which of those reasons have the most influence on me?





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