



Corporate Parenting Board

Pledges in practice

Worcestershire's Corporate Parenting Board Pledges to our Looked After Children and Care Leavers

2021-2024



We will listen to your voice and support you to be involved in decisions about your life.

We will support you to have a safe, positive, secure, and stable home to live in.



We will help you stay in touch with your family, friends, and anyone else who is important to you and support you to return home if able to do so.



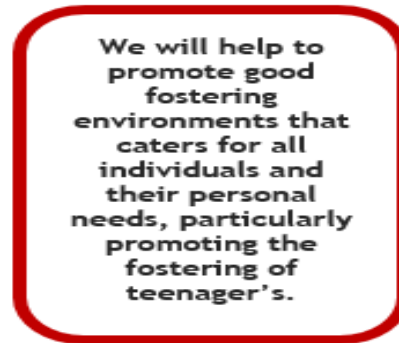
As your corporate parents, we will celebrate your progress, personal milestones, and achievements.



We will help you to build and develop positive relationships with your support network.




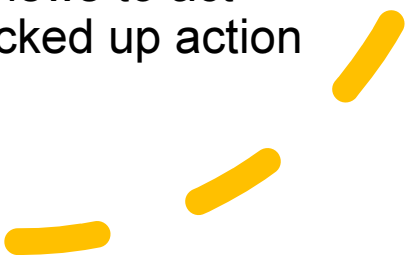
We will encourage and support your learning and development of life skills. While helping you to access opportunities, to engage those young people not in employment, education, or training (NEET).



We will help to promote good fostering environments that caters for all individuals and their personal needs, particularly promoting the fostering of teenager's.



We will support you to access services and resources that maintain your physical and emotional wellbeing.

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- National and Regional peer review of Care Leaver services
 - Children's Social Care COVID-19 Regional Recovery and Building Back Better (CRABB) A national Dfe funded programme for each region. A range of strands to the programme and one for West Midlands is on the Care Laver Offer
 - Developing a consistent offer for Care Leavers – this will include mapping current local offers plus exploring wider approaches across the country and scoping out potential components of an aspirational West Midlands offer
 - Mark Riddell appointed by DfE to review Care Leaver services nationally and to pull together a national best practice blue print
 - Worcestershire met with Mark in January 22, we were his 46th LA ! Mark's target is to have completed his review later this year!.
 - WCF are not awaiting the outcome of these reviews to act – many of the ideas were in train and we have picked up action on others.
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Worcestershire Children First Care Leavers Offer

- Feedback on our financial offer from the regional survey is positive and is in line or above the average offer
- The Covid allowance was much higher than in other LA's - £20 a week ours was £100. We also continued that into a Winter Allowance
- The 2021 young persons version of the financial offer is on the website and has had feedback that it is an easy read accessible document – was co-produced
- 2022/23 we are reviewing Care Leaver benefits and Setting up Home
- The Local Offer is “comprehensive” feedback from DfE and as identified in regional survey

Our weaknesses

Our weakness is our EHWB and MH offer – young people access and level of support in this

We also need to improve our pathway for 18+ care leavers into adult services – LD and MH

Reviewing pathway plans post 18 when young people are still in transition

Not all our young people reported having a birth certificate or passport

- Current visits and young person survey running April – June so every child and young person has a dedicated session with their SW/PA on Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Development of the “connect” volunteer service to address isolation
- WCF and WCC adults task & finish group reviewing the pathway to adult services
- Appointment of additional IRO to do 18+ pathway reviews
- Project underway since January 22 to review every Looked After and Care Leaver case to ensure a formal ID is in place

Other developments for our Care Leaver services

- Education & Employment aspiration survey to young people aged 17+
- Planning for business events across Worcestershire
- Development of bespoke Kick Start programmes for some of our Care Leavers
- Wyre Forest Community Housing and WCF piloting a local “House Project” to promote faster, good quality and sustainable housing tenancy offers to Care Leavers
- WCF and WCC working together to identify apprenticeships for Care Leavers in the WCC capital build programme
- “Have Your Say” – a new method for young people to tell us their views and opinions across the service – an easy to use web tool /app

Kick Start
programmes
for Care
Leavers -WCF

Introducing

Kerry Nichol – Team Manager
Care Leavers

Bev Weaver - Business Support
Manager

Nathan, Tia and Charlotte



Champions



How can we make pledges in
practice work throughout
Worcestershire