

# Care Leavers Action Plan Update

Corporate Parenting Panel

28<sup>th</sup> April 2023



# Planning for young people leaving care

## Pathway planning

- Pathway Plan expectation is now clear
- We have carried out an audit to look at the quality for consistency. (This will be repeated quarterly.)
- Language changed to 'writing to the child' and including the child in the co-production of Pathway Plans.
  
- **Next Steps.....**
- Improve on needs of young people to prepare for education, employment or training.
- Ensure that young people understand their rights and entitlements
- Young people to create bespoke training around what pathway planning means to them

## Health

- Work closely with the ICB around the needs of care experienced young people including GP pilot
- Identify health needs as a priority and ensure that young people have bespoke support around them
- Looked after nurse attend the care leavers hub to offer support
- Ensured that our UASC have their health reviews and access to services and that they have the support in place
- Explore bespoke emotional/mental health support for care experience young people in Durham
- Work regarding all young people having access to their health passport
- Training with health partners regarding care experienced young people and parents

# Care planning

## EET

- We continue to work with partners including Durham works and the virtual school
- Expand family business with apprenticeships
- Job shop for all care leavers age 16 + Work within the core offer regional board to develop a joint response to TEE
- Work with 16/17 year olds to look at needs and next steps for young people, and planning is clear
- Develop links with care leavers covenant to expand opportunities with employers within Durham
- Continue to work with universities and colleges to ensure that that care experienced young people have bespoke support

## Accommodation

- Undertake audits of intentionally homelessness and developed plans to address this
- Worked closely with external agencies to develop packages of support for young people
- Developed our staying close offer
- Worked with young people to understand their needs around accommodation and continue to offer support and opportunities
- Continue to support young people through the local offer, which includes SUHA and support regarding benefits Review joint housing protocol
- Develop pathway plans needs assessment regrading analysis of accommodation needs

# Service improvement

## Preparation for adulthood

- Joint Training carried out on “Preparation for Adulthood”, with Families First, CIC, Care Leavers and Children’s Home staff .
- Audit focuses on aspirations for leaving care
- Session with IRO Service regarding the review of Care Planning prior to 16 years of age.
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- Preparation for inspection – Be our Best (BOB) meetings held within the service to drive performance and service improvement

## Voice and influence of our care experienced young people

- Review of the local offer with care leavers.
- Shaping the Regional approach to a local offer.
- Working with the Care Leavers covenant on new opportunities.
- Establishing 2 more Care Leavers Hubs.
- Establishing a Scrutiny Committee.
- Entry to Care Packs being designed by young people.
- Exit from Care Packs being designed by young people.
- IIC Membership to be reviewed in all teams