

Care Leavers Action Plan Update



Summary of Priorities



Pathway Plans



Accommodation



Preparation for
Adulthood



Health



Education,
Employment and
Training



Co-Production and
Voice of our Young
People

Pathway Plans

What we have done

- All children of 16+ have a Pathway Plan.
- We have carried out an audit to look at the quality for consistency. (This is repeated quarterly.)
- Reviewed the Care V's Support Tool included in the Pathway Plan.
- Care Vs Support also as a stand along document.
- EET group chaired by Service Manager introduced.

Next Steps.....

- Ensure that young people understand their rights and entitlements.
- Young people to create bespoke training around what pathway planning means to them.

Education, Employment and Training

What we have done

- Work within the core offer regional board to develop a joint response to EET.
- Continue to work with Durham Works through attendance at training session for the full service, creation of strategic working group.
- Include Virtual School in SGO Panel.
- Include Virtual school in Fostering Workshops.
- Established a Strategic Working Group to focus on NEET (Monthly).
- Established an Operations Working Group chaired by service managers (Fortnightly).
- Continue to expand our family business with apprenticeships.
- Co-ordinated support regarding university and high education, Local offer includes financial and support via YPA.

Next Steps.....

- Develop links with care leavers covenant to expand opportunities with employers within Durham.
- Continue to work with agencies to develop skills regrading work, training and interviewing.

Accommodation

What we have done

- 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 and now based at the Care Leavers Hub.
- Continue to support young people through the local offer, which includes SUHA and support regarding benefits.
- Hedley House contract updated.

Next Steps.....

- UASC assessment centre/home to review the needs of young people and match to suitable accommodation to meet their needs. (work with children's homes).
- Review joint housing protocol.
- Joint reflective meeting with Housing, EDT ,Care Leavers to review when things may be a challenge (e.g. Young person A) To strengthen working relationships.

Health

What we have done

- Work closely with the ICB around the needs of care experienced young people including GP pilot (through CLASP, Strategic Health Needs Sub Group).
- Identify health needs as a priority and ensure that young people have bespoke support around them.
- Emotional/mental health support for care experience young people in Durham through staying put and wellbeing officer.
- 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.
- Working group established and concluded to set up reporting for all young people to have access to their health passport.
- Tracking of Health Passports and RHA in CLASP.

Next Steps.....

- Review to ensure the systems in place works for all young people having access to their health passport.
- Training with health partners regarding care experienced young people and parents.

Preparation for Adulthood

Further work is needed and training with the CIC Service for smoother transition planning.

Need to refocus more on aspirations for leaving care and preparation at a much earlier stage.

Session with IRO Service regarding the review of Care Planning prior to 16 years of age was carried out, however, more work has commenced on CIC Review process and planning for adulthood.

Care Leavers train our new foster carers and share their lived experiences.

Co-Production & voice of young people



- Completed a review of the local offer with care leavers.
- Set up a second Care Leaver Hub.
- Establishing a Scrutiny Committee.
- Created the Know What When Guide.
- Created the My World My Plan.
- Entry to Care Packs being designed by young people.
- Exit from Care Packs being designed by young people.

Work still to do

- Working with the Care Leavers covenant on new opportunities.
- Establishing 1 more Care Leavers Hubs.
- IIC Membership to be reviewed in all teams