

The Staffordshire Pledge to Looked After Children, Young People & Care Leavers

The Staffordshire Pledge has been developed by the Children in Care Council and is a set of promises to Staffordshire's Looked After Children, Young People and Care Leavers. It reflects what is important to those young people to ensure that they develop into resilient, achieving and happy adults who can make a positive contribution to society. The Corporate Parenting Panel fully endorses the Pledge and our commitment is as follows:

Keeping You Safe:

- We will do everything we can to keep you safe and protected from harm so you feel valued, cared for and supported.

Your Health & Wellbeing:

- We will do everything we can to support you to be physically and emotionally healthy. Where appropriate we will ensure you have access to high quality emotional or therapeutic support.

Your Views, Wishes & Feelings:

- We will offer you opportunities to share your views, wishes and feelings and we promise to listen to them and tell you how they have influenced the decisions we make.

Your Education & Learning:

- We will do everything we can to ensure you have the very best education and training possible, so you can reach your full potential where you can get a good job and have high aspirations for later life, where you are able to explore your passions and interests.

Where I Live:

- We will do everything we can to make sure you have a home where you feel safe, happy and healthy, and where you feel cared for and supported.

Places To Go & Things To Do:

- We will provide you with opportunities to take part in new experiences and activities which you enjoy whilst giving you the support to learn new talents and hobbies where you can aspire to be the very best.

Becoming a Care Leaver:

- We will prepare you for Adulthood where you feel, safe, happy, healthy, and where you will feel you are able to confidently live independently as part of the community. We will plan with you when is best to leave care and help you to budget, cook, clean and experience what it might be like to live on your own.

Throughout Everything We Do:

- Every Looked After Child, Young Person or Care Leaver will be treated fairly. We will respect and treat you as an individual. We will do everything we can to support and inspire you to reach your full potential.
- Through everything we do we will support you to develop strong and meaningful relationships with your family, friends, carers and relevant others so you have the very best support available.

The Corporate Parenting Panel will work with the Children in Care Council to ensure that this Pledge is fulfilled. The Staffordshire Pledge is underpinned by our Corporate Parenting Strategy.

