

UPDATE ON ACTION PLAN CREATED BY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FEB 2023

YOU SAID WE DID...





HELP US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR CARERS CAN AGREE TO, WHAT THEY CANT AND WHY

What we have done

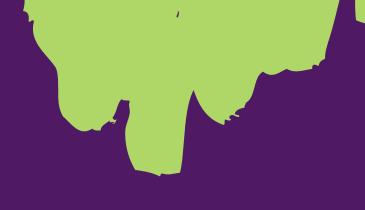
The children in care council have met with fostering managers to develop guidance for foster carers and children and young people about sleepovers and about having pets.

What's next? Develop child friendly version of the delegated authority form.

I can do this







What we have done

Refreshed care leaver offer, updated website and started design of leaflet

Met with Leisure services re offer for care leavers to bring friend.

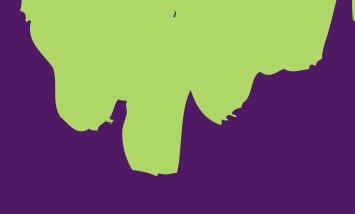
MAKE SURE WE HAVE A FAIR OFFER OF SUPPORT



Agreed Leisure and Housing to present reports at Corporate Parenting Board

Sent out newsletter and survey for care leavers and children in care

Extended offer of activities for care leavers- including football, separated migrant group, walking event, documentary making, young parents group, pamper day with college, art gallery event, national DOLs photography



Whats next?

Communication campaign regarding the local offer.

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Develop suite of videos with young people in care and careleavers to understand process and their rights





MAKE SURE WE HAVE HELP TO MAKE US FEEL WE FIT IN SCHOOL.

Whats have we done?

Appointed an Education, employment and training officer to support post 16 providers

Appointed an attendance mentor to support children in care and care leavers who may be experiencing emotionally based school avoidance.

Commissioned a careers advisor to work with young people aged 14-19 to advice and guidance regarding pathway in education, employment and training.

Further developed pathway to education, employment and training



HELP US TO HAVE MORE **OPPORTUNITIES** LIKE WORK **EXPERIENCE AND APPRENTICESHIPS** THAT CAN HELP US **TO UNDERSTAND** WHAT OUR **OPTIONS ARE.**

Whats Next?

Working with shops and businesses in Walsall to provide work experience placements for children in care – Asda have offered work experience placements in all departments of their store.

Utilising our care leaver documentary to support promotion of opportunities for work experience and apprenticeships with partners and businesses.

The Virtual School are due to appoint their 4th apprentice who is care experienced.

We are advertising for the new participation apprentice which will be ringfenced for a care leaver.



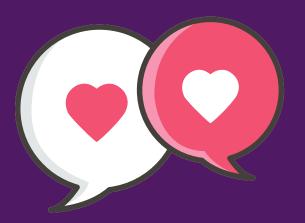
What have we done?

Drafted permanency pathway which includes requirement for use of keeping in touch tool.

HELP US TO HAVE BETTER LASTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR FAMILY WHILST IN CARE.

Mandatory reunification training for all staff in family safeguarding and corporate parenting teams

IROs reviewed family time arrangements for the children in their care



Whats next?

Development of approach regarding family networks and life-long links



What have we done?

Young people audits and findings shared with heads of service/

Amended a number of mosaic forms to better reflect language that cares including the child in care review form

TALK TO US IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T MAKE US FEEL DIFFERENT AND IS RESPECTFUL



Training for staff about writing to the child delivered.

Rolling programme of Total Respect training delivered.

Training at staff conference around child's world and language that cares. Participation and language that cares training designed and rolling out from Dec 2023

Training for designated teachers about writing personal education plans to the child



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Whats next?

Total respect training for members and SLT

Develop approach to writing to the child so is more consistent

Continue review of mosaic and associated forms so reflect our commitment, including annual fostering review

More training for our partners to support them on the journey

Language that cares when thinking about equlities and diversity