Following consultation with groups of young people in and beyond the formal care of the Local Authority a set of promises were developed. Young people stressed the importance of promises being made and kept and of there being evidence to show how well the council and partner agencies were doing.

These pledges will impact on some services more than others but they will impact on all children looked after and care leavers.

One young person considered proposed promises and asked how it was possible to be so specific and yet so vague. As such there will be a performance framework underpinning the promises which will be monitored via the Corporate Parenting Board.

**North East Lincolnshire**

**Corporate Parenting Pledge**

**2018 – 2020**

**SUPPORT FOR YOU**

how we deliver our services

- We will consider the impact of any decisions on looked after children and care leavers that we make as a Council.
- We will value your views and will always try to give you opportunities to be heard. If we cannot make the decision you wanted, we will explain why as soon as possible.
- We will make sure you don’t leave care until you are ready and look upon care leavers as with special consideration even after they are 21.
- We will make sure that workers understand more about children in care or care leavers so you don’t have to keep explaining.
- We will use the Corporate Parenting Board to ensure the pledges are carried through.

**PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY**

helping you feel you belong

- We promise not to make it feel like you are done to but we work with you.
- We will involve children and young people in key council decisions.
- We will help you access your file when you are ready to see them.

**RELATIONSHIPS**

showing that we care about your future

- We recognize that relationships are key to a good experience for young people in care or leaving care.
- We will make sure that you can contact your worker whenever you need them within reason. You will know who to contact when your worker is not available.
- We will ensure your workers are able to build a rapport and relationship with you.
- We will celebrate your achievements and pick you up when things don’t quite work out.

**EDUCATION, TRAINING and EMPLOYMENT**

being ambitious for your future

- We will make sure we find the right school for you, that will make time to support you as well as teach you.
- We will encourage and support you into college or university and give you clear information about the support you can expect.
- We will do our best to keep you safe from bullying but if you are bullied, we will support you to find the right solution. Bullying policies in schools and elsewhere should include a clause around children in care.
- We will ensure that you have opportunities for work experience and employment. This will include apprenticeships and traineeships. We will ensure that you have the right support in the workplace to increase your chances of success.
- We will record your views and experience in your personal education Plan, this is your record of your journey through school life.

**WHERE YOU LIVE NOW AND IN THE FUTURE**

Keeping you safe

- We will help you feel secure and we will make sure that the people who look after you are properly trained and supported so that they care for you in the best way.
- We will arrange quality training for people working and living with you.
- We will involve you in recruitment of the staff who will work with you and we will be a good employer to encourage staff to stay.
- Our placement will always be of a good standard.

**HELPING YOU BE READY FOR YOUR FUTURE**

As you get older we will make sure that emotional support is there for you as well as financial and practical support.

- We will support a smooth transition through care to independence when each individual is ready to, not force anyone out of care setting.

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

Knowing you are well

- We will recognize that you might need more health care and will ensure you receive it – no matter how old you are.
- We will enable you to have access to the local leisure centres.
- We will provide you information about your health histories.
- We will ensure annual medicals meet your needs (and publish feedback from young people about their experiences).
- There will be an annual fun/health day.

- We will ensure children in care or care leavers so you don’t have to keep explaining.
- We will use the Corporate Parenting Board to ensure the pledges are carried through.

**OurVoice**

"Listen Up!"