

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

1 February 2016

Sunderland's Looked After Children's Pledge

1. Introduction

1.1 Since September 2015 each pledge has been owned by a young person in care who holds the responsibility as a critical friend. Each young person has been buddied up with a Corporate Parenting Board member and councillor who will act as the strategic driver.

1.2 The aims of the pledges are:

- to empower the child or young person and those who care for them
- to inform individual care planning
- to be used as a tool to help improve services for all children and young people who are looked after
- to inform the child or young person of their rights and opportunities

2. Pledge Table

Pledge	Young Person	CPB Member	CPB -Councillor
1. If possible I want to live with my own family or relatives	Saul Cranson	Neil Revely Executive Director, People Directorate	Cllr Louise Farthing
2. If you need to come into care we will make sure that you are safe and properly cared for	Kate Service	Martin Birch Interim LAC manager	Cllr Paul Stewart
3. I feel I am being listened to	Geraldine Dellet	Kerry Mehta Interim Head of Safeguarding	Cllr Rebecca Atkinson
4. I want to get a good education and enjoy my free time	Kirk Scotter Gabby Turner	Dawn Shearsmith Virtual Head	Cllr Patricia Smith
5. I want to keep fit & Healthy	Billy Hardy	Anne Brock Safeguarding CCG	Cllr Daryl Dixon
6. I don't want to leave care Until I feel Ready	Kieran Boyce	Sheila Lough Strategic Service Manager	Cllr Christine Marshall

3. Agreed Plan

- 3.1 Each group have agreed to meet up throughout the year to work on their pledge. They have all completed an action plan (attached) that will be shared throughout the year at Corporate Parenting Board.
- 3.2 It was agreed at the last Corporate Parenting Board meeting that two pledges would be reviewed at each Board meeting on a rotating basis. The two pledges that will be reviewed at February's meeting are Pledges 5 and 6.

4. Pledge 5 (Billy, Anne and Cllr D Dixon)

- 4.1 Postponed due to Anne not being able to attend Board meeting.

5. Pledge 6 (Kieran, Sheila and Cllr C Marshall)

- 5.1 Action plan attached. The group have met three times since September and have scheduled monthly meetings.
- 5.2 The group have looked at staying put and new residential provisions. The group have also looked at the new finance policy for care leavers and have begun to talk about how we can involve children and young people in the training of foster carers.
- 5.3 Kieran is keen to look at support for young people with mental health problems and may look at using this subject as part of a conference change council is planning for the spring.
- 5.4 The group want to look at more training opportunities for care leavers and any opportunities within the council.

6. Outstanding Actions

- 6.1 How are we communicating the pledge to professionals and young people?