

**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

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**Local Offer for Sunderland Care Leavers**

**1. Purpose of the Report:**

The DFE issued guidance for Local Authorities in February 2018 which requires each Local Authority to consult on and publish a local offer for its Care Leavers. The local offer should provide information about all the services and support that is available to Care Leavers from the Local Authority, including information about both their Statutory entitlement as well as any discretionary support that a Local Authority chooses to provide.

**2. Details of the services and support that should be included:**

The local offer should include details of the services and support that may assist Care Leavers in, or moving to adulthood and independent living that the Local Authority provides in relation to:

- Health and Wellbeing.
- Relationships.
- Education and Training.
- Employment.
- Accommodation.
- Participation in Society.

Once Local Authorities have published the local offer it should be reviewed regularly to ensure that the services on offer reflect what Care Leavers need most. There is an expectation Local Authorities update the offer at least every two to three years following further consultation with Care Leavers.

The local offer should be easily available and accessible to all Care Leavers in the Local Authority area. This may mean that it is made available in a number of formats, including printed hard copies, online, digital copies. There is an expectation that Personal Advisors share and promote the local offer with Care Leavers they work with and to make sure they are aware of it and the services they are entitled to.

