

## Practice Standards

### Lancashire County Council Children's Social Care

#### Leaving Care Team, Permanence Service

1. We fully embrace our [corporate parenting responsibilities](#) and [corporate parenting promises](#). We are accountable to our promises and strive to provide the same level of support to you that we would for our own children as you become young adults.
2. We know our statutory responsibilities for supporting you up until the age of 25 and use our [leaving care procedures](#) to ensure that we meet these standards as a minimum. We strive to offer you individual support that goes above and beyond our statutory obligations, to help you to achieve your very best. It is important that you know how much we care about you.
3. We know that building a good relationship with you is crucial. We will spend time with you, getting to know each other, visiting and keeping in touch as often as you need us to. We will listen to you and empower you.
4. We work together closely with our teammates in the 'children in our care' team, (and other teams) to provide joint support to you from the age of sixteen, to promote your best interests and ensure shared planning supports you properly into adulthood. We will ensure you won't leave care without knowing your leaving care entitlements.
5. We will actively involve you in all aspects of your pathway planning. We will ask for your consent before we share information with other professionals or agencies about you. We will talk to you about why it is important to have multi-agency support with your pathway plan so that you can make informed choices.
6. We will make sure that you understand your history and your journey through care as we know it is important for your identity and emotional wellbeing. We will make sure that you are supported to explore your live story and to access your records if you wish to do so. If there are gaps in your knowledge and understanding, we will work with you to provide the information you need.
7. We will promote your sense of permanence fully, focussing on our four pathway domains into independence: a safe, suitable and permanent home in adulthood, good health and wellbeing, securing an income and being money wise as well as your education, employment and training.
8. If you are a parent, we will support you fully. This may involve advocating for you if other agencies are supporting you or your child, helping you to understand their processes and helping you to build on your strengths as a parent, but also challenging you if necessary.
9. We have high aspirations for you and will celebrate your achievements. We will work with you, and on your behalf, with a range of partners and businesses, on both a local and regional level, to ensure opportunities are available to you and advocate on your behalf.
10. We will listen to your views, but always continue to support you if we are concerned about your safety or your ability to meet your needs. We will be open and honest with you about why we are offering a service if this is not in line with your wishes.