

## The Care Leavers Service Plan 2021-22

What do we want to achieve?	How will we get there?	When will we know we have succeeded?	Progress mid-point review (Oct 21)
<b>Review the Local Offer for Care Leavers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Meeting has already taken place on 17 March 2021</li> <li>Changes to website will be completed by third week in April 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service Manager to write to all Care Leavers and Stakeholders by end April to launch the new offer</li> </ul>	
<b>To ensure the cohort of former relevant care leavers that are engaged in education, employment and training does not drop below 70%.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tracking 17 year olds prior to becoming former relevant and ensuring that they have an EET destination (via SPEED meeting).</li> <li>Monthly NEET panel to find options for long term NEET young people with support from services across the council.</li> <li>Continuation of financial incentive for those young people volunteering and undertaking training programmes.</li> <li>Cygnets Program to work with 10 care leavers.</li> <li>NEET program starting in April 2021 to be run by the team and potentially to be run again later in the year.</li> <li>Increase the number of young people who are undertaking apprenticeships, including those within the Council itself.</li> <li>Continue to offer a top-up payment for those young people on low paid apprenticeships and living in their own tenancy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly EET report will highlight statistics and whether 70% target is being met.</li> <li>See separate Apprenticeship Action Plan</li> </ul>	
<b>To reduce benefit sanctions and improve the process in care-leavers applying for benefits.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invitation for the DWP to attend a PA Forum.</li> <li>Personal Advisors to meet the DWP Single Point of Contacts and discuss the backgrounds of our care leavers.</li> <li>A joint DWP – Care Leavers protocol to be agreed – this to be signed off at Corporate Parenting Committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in the Care Leavers' Service using emergency payments.</li> <li>Reduction in Personal Advisors lodging appeals on behalf of our care leavers.</li> <li>Fewer food parcel applications.</li> </ul>	
<b>Care leavers to</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bi-monthly 'Meet the Manager' events at Cledford.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive feedback from care</li> </ul>	

<p><b>participate in the development of the service and for them to have regular contact with the management team and the leaders of the council.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-launch of the care leavers forum by the Youth Support Service.</li> <li>• Creation of a Facebook page to engage more care leavers.</li> <li>• Annual care leaver survey.</li> <li>• A cared for young person or care leaver to sit on every Children's Social Care interview.</li> <li>• A care leaver apprentice to sit within the Participation Team.</li> <li>• A care leaver to attend at least one YPBMF per year.</li> <li>• Two care leavers to join the Fostering Panel.</li> </ul>	<p>leavers survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Riddell to give feedback on participation/development when he returns.</li> <li>• Facebook page to have over 50 members.</li> <li>• Relaunched care leavers forum to have engagement with the Corporate Parenting Committee by mid review.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Ensure young people are prepared for independence.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20+ young people to attend the tenancy readiness course per year.</li> <li>• Foster carers to be trained to use the gold, silver and bronze independence packs.</li> <li>• Transition senior personal advisor to oversee the transition plans for all 16/17 year olds and offer consultations to staff.</li> <li>• Develop our own tenancy readiness course so that we can run it as necessary.</li> <li>• Use of one of the Ignition flats in the Crewe area as a training flat when void.</li> <li>• Housing officer to sit within the team once a fortnight.</li> <li>• Young people to present at Ignition panel if unclear of their future options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased use of independence packs – this to be monitored in monthly challenge meetings.</li> <li>• No unplanned moves for our care leavers.</li> <li>• No care leavers presenting as immediately homeless.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>To reduce the number of care-leavers who become pregnant but to ensure those that do are able to parent effectively.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All personal advisors to be C-Card trained and be able to give out contraception.</li> <li>• Young people at risk of pregnancy identified and direct work undertaken.</li> <li>• Refer to Pure Insight's 'Angels' team for new mothers.</li> <li>• Refer for support from the Family Nurse Partnership for new mothers.</li> <li>• If concerned about a mother and/or her situation, ensure referral is completed to ChECS before the unborn child reaches 20 weeks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To have less than 9 pregnancies in the year.</li> <li>• No care leavers having proceedings issued on their child.</li> <li>• Reduction in referrals to the safeguarding midwifery service and the Family Nurse Partnership.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use electronic babies for those young people identified at risk of pregnancies.</li> <li>• Care leaver parent groups in Congleton and Crewe.</li> <li>• Refer to Cheshire East's Parenting Journey.</li> </ul>		
<b>To improve the emotional wellbeing of our care leavers.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued use of the emotional well-being tool to track change.</li> <li>• Emotional Wellbeing worker to offer bridging support to x10 care leavers.</li> <li>• Wellbeing worker to feedback at each PA Forum.</li> <li>• To utilise the use of mentors to increase socialisation and improve emotional wellbeing.</li> <li>• Reduced CAMHS waiting time.</li> <li>• Fast-track support from Visyon and Just Drop-In</li> <li>• 1:1 mindfulness sessions offered to care leavers.</li> <li>• Personal Advisor to attend council offices with a care leaver when they choose to access their files.</li> <li>• All care leavers to be given a health summary (passport) at 18 years so they are aware of their own health history.</li> <li>• Mental Health Awareness Training for the team.</li> <li>• Social activities to recommence as lock-down rules are eased.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scores from the emotional wellbeing tool will increase evidencing positive changes.</li> <li>• Decrease in NEET figures.</li> <li>• Positive scoring in 2021 annual care-leaver survey.</li> </ul>	
<b>To celebrate the achievements of our care leavers no matter how big or small.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young person's achievements to be celebrated in monthly staff team meetings.</li> <li>• Celebration event during care leavers week.</li> <li>• Well done / congratulations cards to be sent out following an achievement.</li> <li>• Young people to be taken to Pure Insights monthly Sunday roast club.</li> <li>• Bi-monthly celebration dinner for group of care leavers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people will feedback positive experience of their relationships with their personal advisor in the care leaver survey.</li> </ul>	