



Cheshire East Shadow Cared For Children and Care Leavers Committee

March 2025



Participation and the Children's Services Improvement Plan

Actions include:

- Develop, review and improve Pathway Plans
- Young people's voices to inform the Supported Accommodation Recommission
- Review the local offer and feedback from the Care Leaver Survey with young people
- Develop, launch and promote the Junction 16+ app with young people

Care Leavers

Pathway Plans

The Care Leaver Ambassadors have reviewed the Pathway Plan.

The ambassadors went through each section and reviewed the updated format, providing feedback to the Care Leaver Service.

Suggestions and feedback included:

- Easily understandable
- Helps you and the people you live with understand you better
- Make the questions relevant to the young person
- Might help with deciding whether to live somewhere different
- People need to listen to young people and their pathway plans
- Ask young people who they would like to attend their review

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Supported Accommodation

The Care Leaver Ambassadors have been working with the commissioning team to gather the views of care experienced young people about supported accommodation to be included in the upcoming service contract tender process.

Care Leavers attending groups and forums such as the Pureinsight café, Care Leavers Hub, and the monthly cooking sessions have participated so far, completing a survey and sharing their views.

Feedback so far includes:

- Flexible housing options led by the needs of young people
- A range of support options
- The most popular support options so far are Tenancy ready support – support to apply for Cheshire Homes Choice, how to pay bills, budgeting etc, Independent living skills and scheduled visits from support staff.

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Care Leaver App Development

The Ambassadors met with Peter Cartledge to discuss the Junction 16+ App. The App is designed to communicate and provide information and support to Care Leavers in Cheshire East.

The Ambassadors discussed different aspects of the app and made suggestions to enhance the experience for the Care Leaver cohort.

Suggestions and feedback included:

- 'How to' videos, such as DIY, how to repair items, and reading meters etc.
- Out of Hours support and resources, such as useful links and contact details for support agencies.
- Information about housing and legislation.
- Digital offer for those who are 'offline' and perhaps don't have access to a phone or the internet.
- Creating a desktop shortcut to the Local Offer page on public computers in Cheshire East buildings such as the library.

Cared For Children and Young People

Young people have participated in the supported accommodation feedback survey.

Fostering panel – developing questions for kinship carers.

Taking part in the national Coram Voice competition where they can share poetry and creative writing about their experiences of being cared for.

Cared For activity day focussed on Independent Visitor and Advocacy service recommission.



Any Questions?

