



Cheshire East Shadow Cared For Children and Care Leavers Committee December 2025



Care Leavers



- Programme of activities and opportunities took place for National Care Leaver Month developed with young people.
- Local Offer Review took place on 12th November.
- *Feedback from a young person: "I really feel like we're making a difference now as ambassadors"*
- *"The content was brilliant and, as always, the ambassadors were wonderful and very inspiring. Please pass on our commendations to the young people. The progress Cheshire East has made in championing the voice of the young person over the last couple of years has been really encouraging and inspiring. You all deserve a lot of credit for that."*
- Care Leaver Ambassadors developed and delivered training to Care Leaver Service, Social Workers and at Voice of the Child Conference.
- Care Leaver Survey was launched with multiple ways to take part and have a say.

Care Leavers - Housing

- Care Experienced Housing Charter was launched with support from young people.
 - "I think how it's been developed with Care Leavers has been good, it's thought about their mental health and making efforts to make it work"
 - (include more feedback here)
- Link to housing/tenancy video to follow

Care Leavers – Next Steps

- We will share initial findings from the Care Leaver Survey and work to develop recommendations for the services that support Care Leavers.
- Work with the service to develop the Local Offer based on the feedback gathered on 12th November.
- Care Leaver Ambassadors to be involved in coproduction sessions developing and shaping the Cheshire and Merseyside Threshold Decision Making Document and Toolkit.

Cared For Children and Young People

- Young people shared their views and experiences with Ofsted inspectors during the monitoring visit
 - *"I shared my views about education and where I live"*
 - *"I told them about all my foster placements and all the social workers"*
 - *"I told them how we call our foster carers mum and dad"*
 - *"I have had my social worker for nearly 5 years now"*
 - *"I liked that I'd met the inspector before, their profile helped"*
- My VOICE are developing a pen profile project and campaign which will ask that all professionals have a pen profile to help develop relationships with cared for children:
 - *"You don't know anything about the person who comes to visit, it's frightening"*
 - *"All professionals like school, health care, social workers need to have a pen profile you can see before you meet"*
 - *"I think photos are important"*
 - *"They know all about me, so we need to know about them"*
 - *"It would make me feel more comfortable about meeting someone"*

Cared For Children and Young People – Next Steps

- My VOICE will launch their Pen Profile project through a range of formats including video, presentations and posters.
- Cared for Children will begin the journey of coproducing their survey with the Participation Team



Any Questions?

