



**Children in Care
Care Leavers' Pledge**

The Deal

for children and young people

Wigan Council consulted it's Children in Care Council, Wigan Care Leavers Council and Corporate Parenting Board and worked in partnership with young people to compile a set of principles/promises to Children in Care and Care Leavers.

As your corporate parents, we pledge:

We will listen to you about the services we offer:

We will, if possible, offer you choices about where you live and who you live with.

We will listen to you about spending time with your family and friends, this includes how often, where and when and in what way you want contact.

If it is the right thing to do then we will make sure brothers and sisters live together.

We will provide you with a social worker, their name and contact details. We will also give you a backup telephone number so you can talk to someone else if they are not around when you need them.

We will make sure that you have a regular health check and see a nurse who will provide information and advice about your health until you're 18.

We will keep information about you confidential and only share it when it is very important to do so. If we need to tell someone any important information about you, we will explain this to you first.



We will make sure that you have your say



We will involve you and ask for your views about decisions that affect your life.

We will listen to you about who should attend any meetings and when it should be.

If you wish to make a complaint we will support you to do this. We will also provide an independent advocate (someone who will speak on your behalf if you want them to).

We will ask you for help in how we influence change in children in care and leaving care services, we will encourage you to attend the care leavers council to participate/contribute in conversations on how you feel services can be improved.

We will help you achieve success in life

We will make sure that there is one teacher in every school who will understand your situation and will offer extra support if you need it.

We will let you know about education, training and employment opportunities whilst you are at school and when you leave.

We will make sure that if you want to go to university we will do all we can to make this happen.



We will make sure that, where appropriate and in accordance with the law you will get assistance to ensure that you are able to manage your accommodation and living expenses when you leave care.

We will help you get the budget skills you need to manage your money well.

We will help you to find the right place to live when you leave care.

You will get a personal advisor to help you get the skills you need to live independently

We will listen to you about the services we offer:

We will encourage and help you to get involved in social, cultural and leisure activities.

we will do all we can to help you gather and build positive memories and experiences, we will support you with life work and make sure you have a record of your memories, people in your life and important occasions through photographs and keep sakes.

We may need to look after some of your personal possessions and keep them safe for you. If we do this, we will explain this to you, and we promise to return them to you when you leave care.

