

Care Matters: Time for Change

Enriching Children's Lives

Corporate Parenting

- Central Government
- Local Authorities
- Children's Trust Partners
- Individual professionals and carers

Responsible for ensuring the best for children and young people in care – as they would for their own children.

Lead Responsibility

Director of Children's Services and Lead Member

- Children & young people in care participate equally in positive activities along with their peers
- Set out a 'Pledge' to children in care saying what services and support children in care should expect to receive.

A Good Start.....

- **Arrange appropriate, high quality, early years provision for children in care under five.**
- **Play strategies should address the play requirements of children in care.**

At School.....

- **Guidance for schools - promote and support take of extended schools activities by children and young people in care**
- **Give schools funding - provide 2 hours a week of extended school group activity & 2 weeks of holiday provision free of charge**
- **New regulations - ensure children in care get music tuition in schools free of charge**

Sport & Leisure

- **Education and Inspections Act 2006 - duty to provide positive leisure time activities**
- **Local authorities - make their own leisure provision free for children and young people in care.** (This is consistent with the role of the corporate parent.)
- **Youth Sport Trust and Sport England - new approaches to community-based sport for children in care**

Youth Service Support

- **Priority status in local authority youth work provision**
- **Improve outcomes through involvement in youth work activity**
- **Engagement with the Youth Opportunity Fund**
- **Aiming High for Young People - national minimum standards**

In the Care System

- **Leisure activities - a key part of the care planning process**
- **Social Workers to ensure good support is available**
- **Foster carer training to cover play and leisure time activities**
- **Information packs for carers and children**
- **Social pedagogy in residential care**

In the Care System continued

- **Ensure that all children in care who need and want them have access to independent visitors.**
- **Provide £500 a year to support educational and developmental needs.**