

# KEY ISSUES IN CORPORATE PARENTING

**“If this were my child....”**

# Corporate Parenting is....

**“the collective responsibility across services and across councils to safeguard and promote the life chances of children looked after”**

“If this were my child....” DfES/LGIU 2003

# Key Responsibilities

- **Keeping our children and young people safe and healthy**
- **Making sure they live with people who care about them**
- **Giving them opportunities to grow and learn, as any good parent would**
- **Making sure they have decent homes as they become independent**
- **Helping them to get on in the world**

# The Pledge

- We will try very hard to make sure that you live with people who care **about** you and care **for** you.
- We will help you to keep in touch with your family.
- We will help you to make friends and build relationships.
- We will believe in you and support you to do well in education, training and employment.
- We will encourage you to think about your dreams and achieve your ambitions.
- We will make sure that there is a way to make things happen for you.

# The Pledge

- We will make sure you can talk to the adults who make decisions that affect you.
- We will make sure you have someone who will listen, that you can talk to about how we look after you.
- We will keep things confidential unless action is needed to keep people safe.
- We will support you if you feel that you are being treated unfairly.
- We will support individuals and groups to deal with bullying, wherever it happens.
- We will explain what words mean and things that you do not understand.

# The Pledge- the Challenge

- Ensuring that the Pledge is used to develop each individual child's Care Plan.
- Ensuring the development of policies and procedures that support the full implementation of the Pledge.
- Supporting the development of a Children in Care Council, in a form to be identified in partnership with children and young people.
- Any other issues identified by the Corporate Parenting Board

# Final thought...

**‘Services provided must be of the standard you would be happy for your own child to receive’**

**Frank Dobson MP**  
(Secretary of State, 1998)