



MIDDLESBROUGH  
**CHILDREN**  
MATTER

# Corporate Parent Pledges to Care Experienced Young People

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# Background

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On the **23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023** care experienced young people met with the Interim Director of Children Care and the Service Manager for Residential and Resources to talk about what more support they wanted to improve their experiences.

On the **9<sup>th</sup> November 2023** at the You Matter To Us (Corporate Parenting Board) wider engagement session, Corporate Parents heard what young people had said and made pledges to improve their experiences (see next slide).

On the **30<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – at the You Matter To Us (Corporate Parenting Board) wider engagement session, Corporate Parents worked with care experienced young people to understand more about what they want.

A plan of action has been developed to monitor progress on each pledge [https://middlesbroughcouncil-my.sharepoint.com/personal/kathy\\_peacock\\_middlesbrough\\_gov\\_uk/Documents/Documents/Corporate%20Parenting%20Board/Pledges](https://middlesbroughcouncil-my.sharepoint.com/personal/kathy_peacock_middlesbrough_gov_uk/Documents/Documents/Corporate%20Parenting%20Board/Pledges)

Pledge	Who
1/ Social groups to have a meaning, continue working with care ambassadors to hear voices from older care experienced young people.	Participation Team
2/ Proactively work with mental health professionals in order to meet with the needs of the young people who are affected by the mental health issues.	Zafar Uddin - Executive Member for Children's Services
3/ Implement training for social care staff to be led by young people.	Joe Tynan – Executive Director of Children's Services
4/ That all Care experienced young people will have a named worker who they can contact if they have any questions or worries with regards to education.	Victoria Banks – Virtual School
5/ Work with housing providers to provide more housing	Chris Cooke - The Mayor
6/ To explore care ambassadors' apprenticeships.	Sharon Hetherington - Pathways
7/ To support the services to progress with all of the future ideas that have been shared by our young people.	Dawn Alaszewski - Director of Children's Care
8/ To continue working with our young people to hear what is working and what needs to change.	Dawn Alaszewski - Interim Director of Children's Care
9/ Ensure Pathways plans are aspirational supporting young people to have a clear vision in all areas. Capturing clear views and wishes setting realistic steps to achieve.	Sharon Hetherington - Pathways
10/ Care Ambassadors are very important to help on the awareness and leadership and feedback.	Care Ambassadors
11/ That our care experienced young people continue to feel part of decision making, by attending meetings, feeling their voices are heard and influencing change.	Democratic Services in support of 'We Matter' and Care Ambassadors
12/ The way we engage with our young people and ensure young people have a greater influence on decisions that affect them.	Adam Hart Headstart South Tees Apprentice
13/ To be on time and to make sure we get full views of all young people.	Pathways and Personal Advisors
14/ To ensure that our young people are prepared for adult life and currently the team are putting places in place to ensure this happens.	Rob Hamer Interim Head of Service for Placements and Resources RI for residential placements.