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THE CHARITY FOR CHILDREN IN CARE
AND YOUNG CARE LEAVERS

Stigma and perceptions

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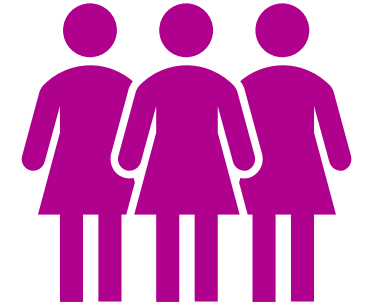
About Become

Advice, support and training

Care Advice Line | 1:1 support and life coaching

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Training for professionals



Policy and campaigns, communications and participation

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Alongside care-experienced young people



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"I ran away one time to get away, and the police came to find me. They picked me up at a service station. When they found out I was in care, they immediately started checking me for drugs. It had nothing to do with the situation. They heard 'care' and thought 'criminal'."

"I can't say go on Google, go and research it if I don't want to talk about it, because it's all bad statistics, and that's not going to help, is it?"

"Her mate found out I was in care and she was like, you're in care, your family must be well bad then!"

"People are friendly to you just because you're in care like, I don't want anyone to do that for me. Like be my friend or don't be my friend. Don't be my friend because I'm in care, it's not, you know, like it's the end of the world."

"Police were around quite a lot when I went to my first foster placement. They asked me if I was taking drugs – I'd never touched a drug in my life. They treated me like a criminal."

Perceptions of Care (2017)

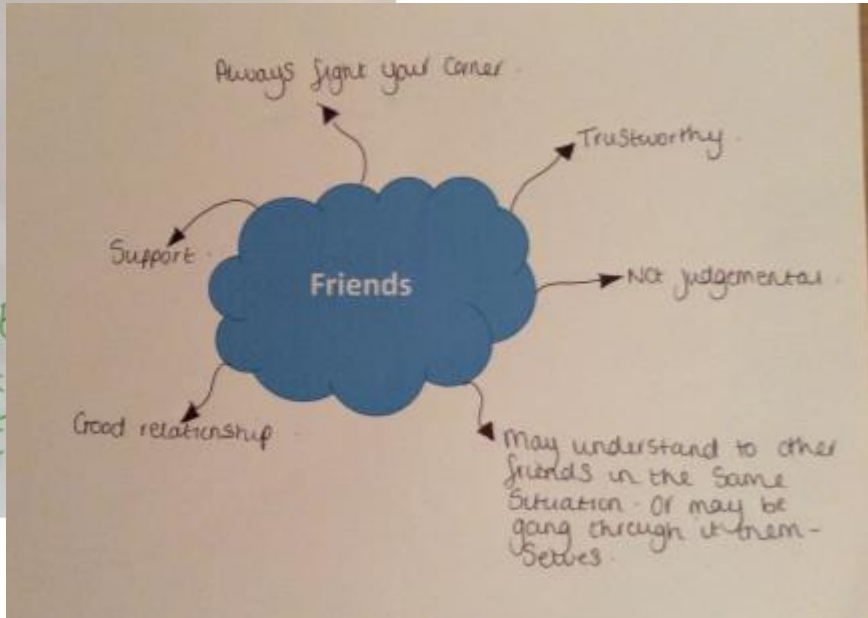
No one loves you.
your family
are bad for
you to be around!!
you dont get loved
what's going on and
what social workers
are doing to us!!

YOUR SEUPID (I KNOW: STILL SMARTER) THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THEM

I'M A PROBLEM CHILD

Awwwwwwww
BLESS THEM

WELL THERE
F***
FOR LIE



"We are expected to fail and it is a stigma. I hated telling people I was in care because it feels like people judge you."



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50 per cent of children in care and 51 per cent of care leavers agreed that 'People think that it is children's fault that they are in care.'

39 per cent of children in care and 43 per cent of care leavers disagreed with the statement 'Other children's parents do not treat children in care differently to other children.'

30 per cent of children in care and 42 per cent of care leavers agreed with the statement that 'Where I live, people would not like it if someone opened a children's home.'

Teachers Who Care (2018)

I wish you knew...

#CareDay19

Six things children in care want their teachers to know.

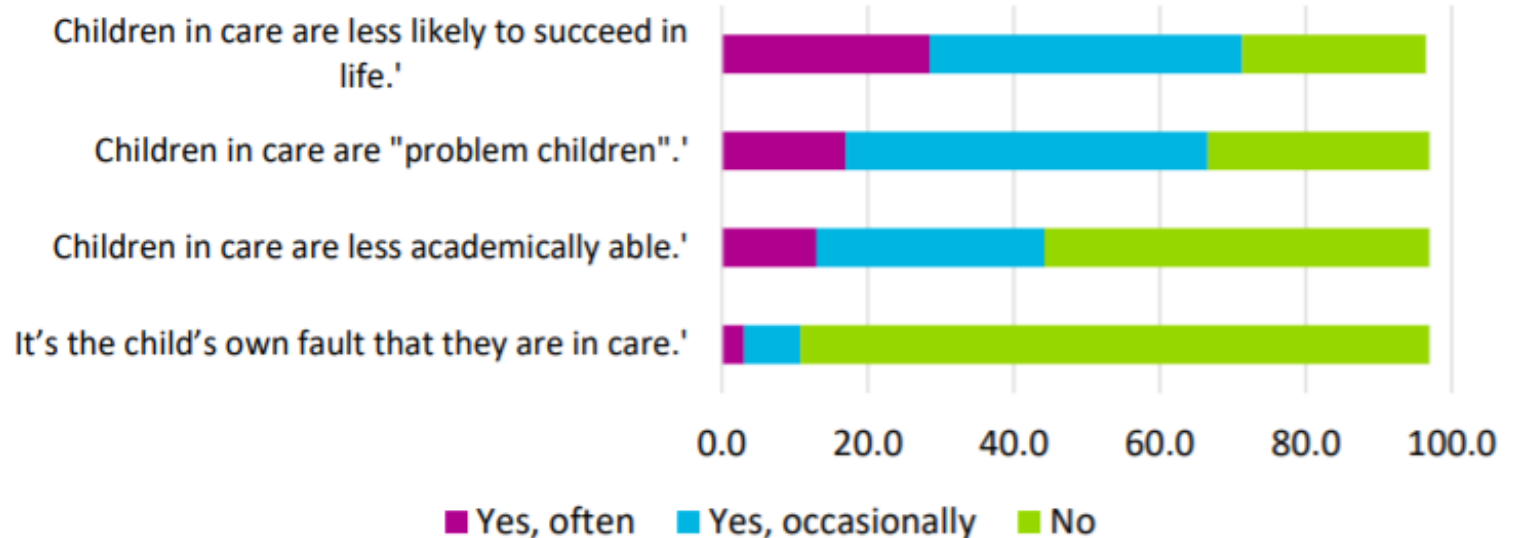
Knowledge, Attitudes and Stigma

- 87% of respondents had heard at least one colleague express a negative generalisation about children in care, and 31% of respondents had heard such views often.

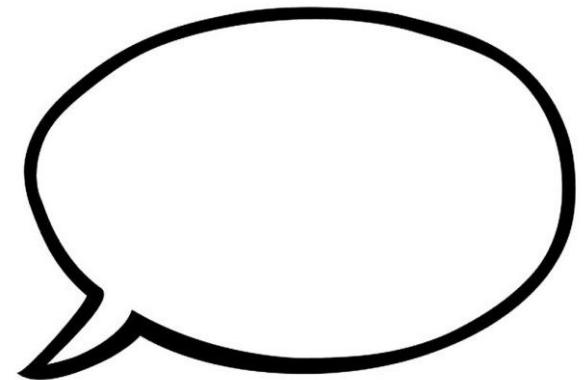


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Have you heard these views from colleagues?



Challenging perceptions



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Links

- [Perceptions of Care](#) (Become, 2017)
- [Teachers Who Care](#) (Become, 2018)
- [I Wish You Knew](#) (Become, 2019)
- [Care-experienced young people's interactions with the police](#) (Become on Criminal Care? Blog, 2019)
- [Public attitudes to children in care Results from a national survey](#) (Coram, 2018)
- [Public attitudes to care experienced young people](#) (ScotCen/Life Changes Trust, 2018)
- [Each and Every Child: How to Talk About Care Experience in Scotland](#) (FrameWorks, 2020)
- [Who We Are](#) – Who Cares? Scotland