

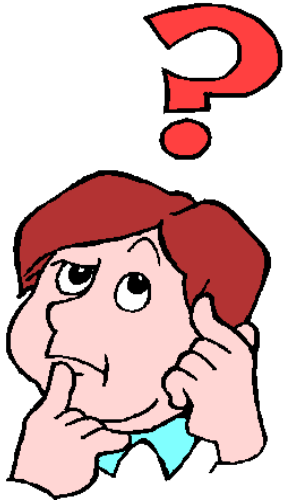
# Derby's Corporate Parenting Strategy

What does it mean for  
you?

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## What is a Corporate Parent?

Everyone who works with you while you are in care is part of your corporate parent - they all work for Derby City Council. Basically, Corporate means **BIG GROUP** - so there is a **big group** of people at Derby City Council who are responsible for you & it is their job to try & make your experience the best it can be - they are your corporate parent!

Your social worker is included in this **Big Group** as well as all the professionals you meet who help you with your education, placement and health. The **Big Group** also includes those people elected to represent Derby City Council; these are called Councillors, they each have responsibilities to make sure Derby City Council is running smoothly.



Together, they complete your **Corporate parent**.



**Your Corporate Parent cares about you & they have goals they want & hope you will achieve;**

- They want you to live with your parents & families if it is safe to do so
- They want you to have a stable placement that meets your needs, if you can't live with family.
- They want you to live in or as close to Derby if possible
- When you turn 18, if you want to stay with your foster family, they want to try & make that possible.
- They want to listen to what you say & act upon your wishes.



## Team Work & The Corporate Parenting Committee

It's important that your Corporate parent work as a team, the most senior people meet regularly to talk about the **important** things that effect you & other young people in care. This team are, "The Corporate Parenting Committee" - let's call them your CPC.

The members of your CPC are elected Councillors, Senior Managers & representatives from The Children in Care Council, Foster Carers, Health & Education.

Your CPC discuss what needs to be done to make things better for you & all children & young people in care. They work closely with the Children In Care Council to make sure they know what young people are saying about their experience - your CPC have made a plan to guide them through the next three years - they want to share it with you, they called it "**Derby's Corporate Parenting Strategy**" - it means "**The Big Plan**"





## What is the **Big Plan** & their promises to you?

**Your** CPC must follow their plan and make sure everyone else in your corporate parent are working hard to meet the goals set, **Your** CPC have made a promise to you & all children & young people in care this is called The Pledge. The **big plan** shows how **your** CPC will keep their Pledge promises to you & help you achieve the goals.

The CPC will follow their **big plan** over the next 3 years, they have agreed on 6 areas to focus on, which are:

1. **Your Voice Matters** When decisions are being made about you, they want to hear your views. They will treat you with dignity & respect. If you want to complain about something they will make sure you are supported to do so
2. **Good & safe placements** They want you to have a safe place to live where you are supported & welcomed as part of the family. They want to ensure you have information about the placement before you arrive.
3. **Relationships** They want you to have positive relationships & experiences with opportunities to develop your own interests & aspirations. They want you to be able to make good choices & stay safe.
4. **Transition into adulthood - Leaving Care** They know when you leave care you may need a lot of support. Everyone needs to learn how to budget & how to choose the right place to live. They will make sure you get all the help, advice & support that you need to prepare for this important step.



**5. Education** They want you to have a great education, well planned & managed so that you reach your full potential leading to a fulfilling life experience.

**6. Health** They want you to be healthy both on the inside & the outside. They want you to recognise when to, & know how to ask for help or support.

**Your** CPC will keep a keen eye on every area, they will have updates on progress made and what difference is being made to you and all children & young people in care.

And finally,



**Your** CPC want to be good parents - they want to listen to you & for you to know they care about what you say & how you feel. They want you to work with them together with your parents & carers, to shape how they organise everything for you, to make sure they get things right. They want you to be happy, healthy & safe. They want you to achieve your potential & help you prepare you for adulthood.

If you would like to read more information about your Corporate Parent Strategy 2015 - 18, or would like to talk about any of the things mentioned in this booklet, please contact the children in care council.