

Background

- Myths, stereotypes and stigma
- Diversity of needs and experiences, not a homogenous group
- Many are vulnerable to not achieving potential
- Collectively over-represented in disadvantaged groups.
- Transitions are accelerated, compressed and not sequential
- Stability, consistency and quality relationships promote resilience
- Good quality support does improve life chances and outcomes
- Young people need to be at the centre of decision making

What concerns young people about leaving care?

- Being on own
- Not being able to cope
- Not being to get help when you need it
- Not having enough money to live on
- Cleaning up after yourself
- Leaving care before you're ready
- Having nowhere to go/come back to
- Being put in a dodgy place
- Having nowhere to live
- Not being settled anywhere and having to keep moving around



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Charter for care leavers

- To respect and honour your identity.
- To believe in you.
- To listen to you.
- To inform you.
- To support you.
- To find you a home.
- To be a lifelong champion.

Development

- Transition children in care to leaving care.
- Sharing information with housing.
- Revised pathway plans.
- Quality assurance of pathway plans.
- Children in care team using SPACE @ Connexions.
- Care leavers shaping services