

Title/Status-	TERMS OF REFERENCE- After Care Council
New Document or Revised	New
Responsible Head of Service	Children In Care
Review Due Date	March 2025

Leicestershire Procedure for TERMS OF REFERENCE- After Care Council

Applies to-

Children in particular circumstances

Terms of Reference

After Care Council 2024

Background

The After Care Council exists to provide our Care Experienced young people and young adults (18+) with a voice to inform and make change within our service. Until recently we obtained feedback through our Supporting Young People After Care (SYPAC) Group and the shape of the group became more of a social event. The name of this council was previously called Care Leavers Council but our Care Experienced Young people and Adults feedback that the name After Care Council was preferable.

In order to have a space for Care Experienced Young People and Adults to tell us about their journey into and out of care; what they feel could contribute to long lasting learning and development of our Service but also the wider Council and partner agencies, we created the After Care Council.

Purpose

- To be able to put our views and idea of all up and coming themes discussed at After Care Council across to the Director of Children and Family Services and the Lead Members.
- To make sure that the After Care Council is recognised by all agencies and that there is commitment from agencies to listening to the voice of Care Experienced Young people and Young Adults
- To make sure that we are listening to our Care Experienced Young People and Adults and are able to give their views through the After Care Council.
- To make sure that the After Care Council is consulted in regard to service developments and what that might mean for Children and Young People In Care and Care Experienced Young People and Adults.
- Care Experienced Young People and Adults to be part of the Cooperate Parent Board meetings.
- To build confidence and ensure our Care Experienced Young People and adults feel heard and involved in decisions and policies that impact children and Young People in Care but also those who are Care Experienced aged 18 and over.
- Membership is 18+ years and is open to all our Care Experienced Young People and Adults.
- To increase the number of members to ensure that the After Care Council is representative of different Care Experienced Young People and Adults.

Confidentiality

After Care Council members to be aware that anything they discuss with members at the meeting if deemed as a cause for concern this will report to designated lead/chair, and the matter will be dealt with respect and escalated as necessary.

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March 2024

The Terms of Reference to be reviewed annually by After Care Council Members.

Core Values and Behaviours – the foundation for practice

Core Values

Aspirational
Achieving the best outcomes for children and families

Being Curious
Digging for detail using purposeful practice

Collaboration
Building relationships built on the Signs of Safety approach

Behaviours

Professional Kindness
Understanding trauma for children, parents and colleagues

Active Listening
Listening to build robust solutions

Outcome Focused
Creating measurable improvements for children and families

Being Accountable
Everyone is responsible for high quality practice