

Flintshire County Council
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Corporate Parenting Charter for Children and Young People 2025-2028



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This document is also available in Welsh.
See Welsh page on our website.



Introduction

Flintshire is committed to helping all children grow up happy, healthy, and full of potential. For those who may not be able to live with their families or need a different care arrangement, the Council commits to treating them as their own. This commitment is agreed through the Corporate Parenting Charter - a promise to support and protect children and young people who have been in care.

What is a Corporate Parent?

Corporate parenting means that everyone in the public sector, that means people like teachers, doctors, social workers and police officers, works together to protect and improve the lives of children and young people who have experienced care. It's everyone's job to make sure these children and young people have the same opportunities and rights as others.

It calls on the whole community - including charities and businesses - to act with kindness, compassion and responsibility, just as they should.

What is a Charter?

The Welsh Government's Corporate Parenting Charter is like a promise made to children and young people who have been in care, and it includes:

- **Principles** - These are rules that all adults and organisations should follow to make sure these children and young people are safe, happy, and supported.
- **Promises** - These are for any group (like schools, councils, or hospitals) to show they care and want to help children and young people who've been in care.



Our promise to Looked After Children and Young People in Flintshire

Flintshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy supports children and young people who have been in care to feel safe and hopeful. It focuses on positive futures, learning, relationships, safety, health, and being heard - ensuring every child and young person is ready and supported for life beyond care.

Our Values

Flintshire's strategy ensures all partners follow key values to improve young lives, helping children and young people in care achieve brighter futures and reach their goals.



Dedicated:

We will always try our best to make sure you feel safe, cared for, and supported. We'll ask ourselves, "Would this be good enough for my own child?" - because young people matter.



Respectful:

We will treat you with kindness and respect. We'll listen to what you say, think about your feelings, and include you in decisions that affect you.



Hopeful and Ambitious:

We believe in you and your dreams! We want to help you feel excited about the future, try new things, and reach for the stars.



Responsible:

Everyone who helps look after you will work together as a team. We'll make sure our plans and decisions are fair and always try to do what's best for you.





Children's Services Forum

We're making some big promises to help care experienced children and young people - and we want to make sure we're keeping them!

That's why we have the Children's Services Forum. It's like your own space, where you can:

- Speak up about what's working and what's not.
- Check that we're doing what we said we would.
- Help us improve how we care for children and young people.

Children and young people from our Children's Services Forum who've been looked after have helped us to write these promises. Every year, we'll check how we're doing and talk about it with the Forum.



These are our specific promises to you:

Positive Futures

Children and young people have safe, stable and caring places to live and call home.

Young people leave care and become independent and thriving adults.

We'll support you by helping you to plan for future housing, gain work experience, and access job opportunities—including guaranteed interviews with the Council. You will have a personalised care plan to build independence and focus on what matters most to you, from friendships and finances to travel and learning to drive.

Learning and Having Fun

Children and young people have every chance to reach their full potential, gain confidence and skills for their future.

Children and young people have opportunities to have fun and do activities and things that they enjoy.

We'll support you to stay in school, access mental health support and connect with trusted adults. Schools create tailored plans, and care plans will include your personal goals. You will be encouraged to pursue education, hobbies, and fun activities, with help from Gwella, Youth Services, and Theatr Clwyd.

Listening, Hearing and understanding

Children and young people feel like they have a say and are heard and valued in the decisions that affect them.

Children and young people make their voice heard and shape how services are designed and delivered.

We promise to listen to you and use your thoughts and feelings to guide decisions. Care reviews happen in comfortable spaces, not schools. The Mind of My Own app offers a safe way to share anytime. Feedback—good or bad—helps improve support for all young people.

Meaningful Relationships, Identity and Belonging

Children and young people can build trusted relationships with the people who are important to them in their lives.

Children and young people feel respected and proud of who they are.

We'll help you create a personal profile to highlight your strengths, interests, and dreams, guiding fun activities, skill-building, and support. Carers will use it to understand you better. Your achievements will be celebrated—especially at the annual Pride of Flintshire event. You'll be able to share your views at the Children's Services Forum, explore your Life Story, and feel proud of your background and culture.





Safe and Protected

Children and young people are safe and protected from harm, abuse and exploitation.

Children and young people will feel part of their community.

We'll offer you practical and emotional support, ensuring you understand available opportunities. Staff are trained to prevent exploitation, including online, and you'll receive guidance to stay safe. The Council works with police and partners to provide kind, effective support when needed. Youth voices shape crime and safety efforts, and positive choices help prevent trouble. Flintshire also expands foster care and care homes, helping you to stay close to loved ones.

Physically and Mentally Healthy

Children and young people will feel physically and mentally healthy.

Children and young people will feel supported and encouraged to access all the health, fitness and well-being services, activities and opportunities that they need or choose to explore.

We'll support your mental and physical health by offering trained staff to listen, access to wellbeing services, and clear health guidance. As you approach adulthood, we'll ensure you have a GP, dental and eye checks, and help you make informed choices about your health. You'll have control over the support you receive.

**** for the complete list of commitments, please see the full Corporate Parenting Strategy document.**



