

# Corporate Parenting Charter – A Promise from Wales



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## Becoming a Corporate Parent – What does that mean for you?

**Corporate Parenting is about supporting care experienced children and young people to have the same opportunities in life as all children and young people in Wales.**

By signing up to be a corporate parent, you are agreeing to consider the following principles when delivering your existing services and support, planning new services and/or engaging with care-experienced children and young people:

## The Principles

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### Principle 1

**Support care-experienced children and young people to have the same life chances as every other young person in Wales.**

**Example:** Support a care experienced child or young person to find a stable home with provides them with the opportunity to access education and fulfil their potential.

### Principle 2

**Recognise care-experienced children and young people for who they are, not just by their experience of being in care.**

**Example:** Treat all children and young people the same no matter their background.

### Principle 3

**Work alongside care-experienced children and young people to ensure their views, feelings and ideas are integral to, influence and inform the services they receive and the way they receive those services.**

**Example:** Ensure forums or stakeholder groups are in place or established to develop new services includes care-experienced representatives.



### Principle 4

**Ensure those working in your organisations working with care-experienced young people understand their care experiences children and young people's needs and/or have access to information and training.**

**Example:** The needs of care-experienced children and young people are referred to in induction training of new staff.

### Principle 5

**Ensure that every care-experienced child and young person reaches their potential and is able to enjoy a wide experience of leisure, cultural, sport and social activities.**

**Example:** Can concessionary and/or discounted access be made available for sport, leisure and cultural activities to care-experienced children and young people.



## Principle 6

**By making all care-experienced children and young people feel valued, respected, cared for and loved.**

**Example:** By actively listening to all care-experienced children and young people you engage with.

## Principle 7

**By providing support to access the right health care and advice needed to support the best physical, mental health and general well-being for all care-experienced children and young people.**

**Example:** Ensuring care-experienced children and young people are supported to attend appointments and are directed to the right service to meet their needs.

## Principle 8

**By seeking out and providing stable places to live that are right for all care-experienced children and young people.**

**Example:** By ensuring that the needs and wishes of the child and young person is central to any foster or adoption placement being considered.

## Principle 9

**By providing opportunities and support for all care-experienced children and young people to learn/develop and help them become who they want to be.**

**Example:** Offering care experienced children and young people work experience placements, work shadowing opportunities, internships, traineeships and apprenticeships.

## Principle 10

**By ensuring all care-experienced children and young people are prepared for the future and are able make positive choices for independent living and adulthood.**

**Example:** Can you provide one-to-one mentoring on how to manage their finances, their career/employment guidance and further education opportunities.

## Principle 11

**By working to provide access to and raise awareness of the support and information available to care experienced young people after leaving care.**

**Example:** Providing access to support and information through a variety of channels – websites, apps, social media and meetings.