

# Changes to Statutory Guidance

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**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

# Revised Guidance

- Applying Corporate Parenting Principles to Looked After Children and Care Leavers
- Extending Personal Advisor Support to all are Leavers to Age 25
- Local Offer Guidance
- Statutory Guidance regarding education/virtual school functions



# Corporate Parenting

- to act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and wellbeing, of those children and young people
- to encourage those children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings
- to take into account the views, wishes and feelings of those children and young people



# Corporate Parenting continued

- to help those children and young people gain access to, and make the best use of, services provided by the local authority and its relevant partners
- to promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes, for those children and young people
- for those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work; and
- to prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living.



# **Extending the entitlement to Leaving Care services**

- Young people are now entitled to ask for a service up to the age of 25
- The requirements are less prescriptive for those young people aged 21 - 24
- There is no requirement that we keep in touch with young people on an ongoing basis – but we must contact them periodically to remind them that they are entitled to request a service
- Impact and additional capacity .



# Local Offer

- **Health and wellbeing:** This will include services that teach about, support and enable good health and wellbeing.
- **Relationships:** This should focus on the services and/ or support that is available to help care leavers develop and maintain positive social networks and to understand what positive relationships look like.
- **Education and training:** This will include the statutory support available to care leavers, such as the £2,000 bursary for care leavers in Higher Education, and signpost to universal information such as careers advice and financial support for young people.

# Extending the entitlement to Leaving Care services

- **Employment:** This will include information to care leavers about general employment support, such as careers support and links to local Job Centre Plus. Local authorities should also include any other employment support that they or partners deliver that is specifically available to care leavers.
- **Accommodation:** This should include relevant information about the Staying Put policy, the support available from Housing Services and any other assistance that is available to care leavers, such as advice on maintaining a tenancy.
- **Participation in society:** This will include links to and information about activities, events or volunteering opportunities available in the local area that care leavers can get involved in.

