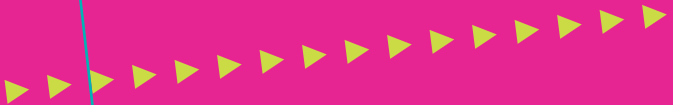




**KENT
PLEDGE**



our **promises** to you



We understand that being in care isn't always easy.



If we are going to get it right for you we need to make a real difference to help you do your best and have success in your life.

If for any reason we cannot keep our promise, **WE WILL** explain why.



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**Have we
kept our promise?**



If you don't think so, talk to your Independent Reviewing Officer, Social Worker, Personal Adviser or Advocate, who will listen and try to improve things for you.

We Promise:

• **To find a placement** for you that is as near as we can to your family and friends and if appropriate, help you to keep in contact with them



• **To ask you** and your parents about what type of carers and placements you want and need



• **To take into account** your age, background and beliefs, including your ethnicity and cultural identity



• **To make sure** we can communicate with each other fully if you speak another language or have a disability



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Good memories for the future

**Have we
kept our promise?**



If you don't think so, talk to your Independent Reviewing Officer, Social Worker, Personal Adviser or Advocate, who will listen and try to improve things for you.

“We **promise** to provide opportunities for YOU to take part in hobbies and interests”

To help you build a memory book of important people...



... and experiences in

YOUR life

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An adult will

always

be here for you

**Have we
kept our promise?**



If you don't think so, talk to your Independent Reviewing Officer, Social Worker, Personal Adviser or Advocate, who will listen and try to improve things for you.

We Promise:

To make sure that **YOU** have a named
Social Worker or Personal Adviser...

... an Independent Reviewing Officer and
a named Nurse, and know how **YOU** can
contact them if you need to

To make sure that **YOU** have at
least one person in your life who
you can expect to be around
throughout your time in care



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A good
education



is very

important



**Have we
kept our promise?**



If you don't think so, talk to your Independent Reviewing Officer, Social Worker, Personal Adviser or Advocate, who will listen and try to improve things for you.

We promise:

To make sure that **YOU** have a place in school
or if you have finished year 11 a place in
education or employment with training

To work with key members of staff in your education or work based learning to ensure you are helped to achieve your best

To help **YOU** catch up with schoolwork if you fall behind

To expect your carers to take an active interest in **YOUR EDUCATION**

To provide a COMPUTER if you have been in care for 6 months or more, are aged 11 or older and attending school or college



To celebrate **YOUR** achievements and success



Supporting

YOUR

interests and needs

**Have we
kept our promise?**



If you don't think so, talk to your Independent Reviewing Officer, Social Worker, Personal Adviser or Advocate, who will listen and try to improve things for you.

We Promise:

- **To make sure that you are able to tell us your wishes, feelings and interests, taking into account any disabilities you have**



- **To listen to you before making decisions that affect you**

- **To look after your educational, health and care needs**



- **To support you in finding the right legal advice if you should need it**



Getting ready for being an adult



**Have we
kept our promise?**



If you don't think so, talk to your Independent Reviewing Officer, Social Worker, Personal Adviser or Advocate, who will listen and try to improve things for you.





“We promise to support you as you grow and become an adult and make sure that we ask you about important decisions we make in your life”

“The **Kent Care**

Leavers Charter is our promise to care leavers and explains in detail support that can be offered. Your Social Worker or Personal Adviser will be able to provide you with a leaflet or you can access the charter on our Kent Cares Town website:

<http://kentcares town.lea.kent.sch.uk/the-kent-pledge>



Things not going right ?

▼ What should you do if you don't think these promises are being met:

- You can always speak to your Social Worker or Personal Adviser
- You can ask for an advocate (this is a person who is independent of Kent County Council who can speak on your behalf and help make sure your voice is heard)

● **You can contact:**
YLF Telephone: **01622 683815**
Email: **advocacy@ylf.org.uk**
Website: **ylf.org.uk**



Speak Up. Be Heard.

Our Children and Young People's Council and Young Adult Council are groups of young people in care and care leavers who meet regularly around the county. The meetings give you the chance to meet others and have your say on how improvements could be made to help you and others.

To find out more speak to your Social Worker or Personal Adviser.

OR: Telephone: 03000 412777

Email: VSK_participation@kent.gov.uk

