

# Corporate Parenting Principles 7 Minute Briefing

## 1. What does Corporate Parenting mean?

When a child becomes cared for by the Local Authority (Section 31 or Section 20 of the [Children Act 1989](#)), the council becomes the Corporate Parent. This means that the council's elected members, employees and ALL partner agencies have a collective responsibility to provide the best possible care and safeguarding for those children. For ALL agencies working with Cared For Children and those leaving care – this means that we should always have at the forefront: ***“Would this be good enough for my own child?”***

## 2. The Principles

1. To act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and well-being of children and young people.
2. To encourage those children and young people to express their [views wishes and feelings](#).
3. To take into account the views, wishes and feelings of those young people
4. To help those children and young people gain access to, and make best use of, services provided by the local authority and its relevant partners.

## 3. The Principles cont.

5. To promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes, for those children and young people.
6. For those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work.
7. To prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living.

## 4. What this means

The government has provided [statutory guidance](#) about applying Corporate Parenting principles to Cared For Children and those leaving care.

Cared For Children have the same needs as other children – to be loved, cared about, to feel safe, have stability and security, to be healthy, to learn, to achieve, and to enjoy life.

ALL agencies can play a part.

## 5. Ambition & Aspiration

The Local Authority and its partner agencies have high ambitions and aspirations for the children in their care.

They want those children to have the same opportunities and outcomes in life that another child may have who is not cared for by the Local Authority but has had support from their family.

## 6. What success looks like

- Agencies in Salford work together to understand what cared for children & care leavers need, they champion high ambition and aspiration in many ways.
- Strong corporate leadership, challenge and accountability for cared for children at every level in every agency.

- Cared for children / care leavers feel they are cared about & listened to through individualised support & encouragement. Wellbeing & recovery is key, identity is promoted and individual potential is nurtured.

## **7. Some examples**

Dedicated CFC nurses / Dedicated substance misuse workers / Dedicated mental health support service (STARLAC) / Free prescriptions & health passports for care leavers / Early access to council job vacancies / Single point of contact at job centre /

Bespoke employment programmes at John Lewis and other employers /

Dedicated housing panel / Direct housing offers from For Housing / Dedicated housing officer for care leavers

**How can YOU collaborate to deliver services “good enough for your own child” to Cared For Children and those leaving Care in a way that recognises their unique circumstances?**

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### **Additional Information**

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