

# City of York Charter for Care Leavers, 2013 – 2016

## In York, through our Partnership for Looked After Children, we promise to:

1. Respect and believe in you, support you in your beliefs and accept your culture
2. Value your strengths and encourage your goals
3. Take time to listen to you, respect your point of view and put your needs, thoughts and feelings at the heart of all decisions about you. If our opinion is different to yours we will fully explain why, and try to reach a compromise
4. Give you information you may need to support you in your journey to adulthood
5. Support you with the choices you make; we will support you and not judge you if you change your mind
6. Give you advice, information, practical and financial help and provide emotional support
7. Prepare you for your move to independent living, but only when you are ready
8. Do all we can to help you feel safe and happy, and help you settle into independent life
9. Work with other agencies such as housing, benefits, colleges, universities, employment providers and health services to offer you the support you need
10. Provide you with a named Pathway worker until you are 21 years of age (or 25 years of age if you are continuing your education)
11. Offer you advice and information whatever your age
12. Keep you up to date about any plans for a future Charter for Care Leavers



Signed:

Cllr Janet Looker  
Cabinet Member for Education,  
Children and Young People's  
Services



Signed:

Kersten England  
Chief Executive  
City of York Council



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