Knowsley Safeguarding Children Board

# 7 Minute Briefing

## Supporting children looked after in Knowsley

**1**
The council has a duty under the Children's Act 1989 to ensure children are safeguarded from harm.

**2**
The term 'children looked after' is used when a child lives away from their family, including foster care and residential care. When a child is being looked after, the council is the 'Corporate Parent'.

**3**
Corporate parenting responsibility rests with all councillors, officers and other local agencies.

**4**
The council takes its role as corporate parent extremely seriously and it has been working with children and young people to ensure they are more actively involved in the care they receive.

**5**
The council has been listening to the views of young people by working very closely with MADE (Making a Difference Everywhere) - a group of 28 young people aged between 7 and 22 years who provide feedback on the services provided by the council and their own experiences of being in care.

**6**
As part of its corporate parenting responsibility, the council has been working with young people and produced a Children Looked After Charter.

**7**
The Charter captures the views of young people in Knowsley and outlines what support children and young people in care and children leaving care can expect from the corporate parents.

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