

Third Sector Care Collaborative

Terms of Reference

Purpose

To ensure that all third sector organisations who work with care experienced children and young people, organisations working with kinship carers and those organisations working with children & young people at risk of entering the care system work together to improve their lives and support them to achieve their aspirations.

We work to support the vision for Leeds to be a Child Friendly city, the best city for children and young people to grow up in.

Frequency of Meetings

The group will meet quarterly

The Care Cohort will:

- Hold children in care and those at risk of entering the care system at the heart of its work.
- Be inclusive
- Promote best partnership practice
- Improve communication and engagement across the third sector and with statutory agencies citywide around this cohort of young people.
- Share organisational best practice and referral routes
- Increase understanding and awareness across the sector of working with care experienced young people
- Showcase the work the sector does with care experienced young people and the positive impact this work has on their lives.
- Advocate for improvements in provision and support for care experienced young people in Leeds
- By working together, helping to prevent placement breakdowns
- By working together, helping to prepare young people for independent living.
- Develop an action plan undertaking work outside of meetings as necessary

How we Work:

- The Care Collaborative has a Chair & Vice Chair
- Members are groups/organisations working with care experienced children, care leavers or those at risk of entering the care system.
- Young Lives Leeds will provide support to the Collaborative.
- The work of the group is guided by its members

Accountability:



The group will link with the Third Sector Safeguarding Group, this group represents Young Lives Leeds at the Leeds Children's Partnership Board, and the advocate can share issues that are identified.

We will also liaise with the Care Experience Implementation Group where the sector is represented by a Co-Chair of Young Lives Leeds.