

THE PLEDGE



We pledge to work together to provide you with the best possible care and support to help you be the best you can be in your life- now and in the future.

- **Provide you with a safe home where you feel happy and taken care of.** We will always try and give you a choice about where you live and always try and keep you near your family and friends. Where possible, we will always try to keep you and your brothers and sisters living together. If these things are not possible, we will always explain why.
- **Listen to you.** This means we will always make sure you are involved in decisions made about your own life and find ways to help you tell us if you find this difficult. We will seek your views on the care you receive and how we can do things better. We will be honest with you and explain about decisions being made about your life.
- **Help you develop and maintain good relationships.** Wherever possible, we will help you keep in touch, and meet with family and people who are important to you. We will support you to build good relationships with the people who care for you and with other young people and children. We will give you a social worker who will care about you and have your best interests at heart.
- **Support you to maintain an active and healthy life.** We will ensure you have the opportunities to enjoy your life and have interests and hobbies of your own. This means we will give you access to activities and leisure pursuits that you enjoy and want to do. When things are not going well for you, we will provide services and/or point you in the right direction to get the help you need.
- **Provide you with the support you need to do well in education.** This means we will find you a school that helps you flourish and succeed. If needed, we will provide support out of school to help you succeed and achieve good results. At the right time, we will help you to access college, university or work and offer supports to ensure you reach your goals.
- **Provide you with the support you need when you leave care and to help prepare you for living independently at the right time.** We will make sure you have choices about how and when you leave care and support. We will always try and support you to remain with your foster carers if that is what you want. We will give you a dedicated Personal Adviser, who will support your transition to the adult world and help you be the best you can be!

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