

# NATIONAL LEAVING CARE BENCHMARKING FORUM

## FEEDBACK REPORT

### THE HEADLINES!

The main points I brought back from BMF events.

#### Birmingham thematic event-

Duncan, a care experienced youth worker From carefree cornwall had a section with nlcbf at the thematic event in Birmingham. Duncan generated a lot of positive

conversation with his question that he had raised at the APPGC- all party parliament group for

children, Duncans question was about access to care records and the support to understand them and deal with some of the emotions raised by reading them, he had a small task for each of the tables to answer 4

questions around this subject.- I would like to bring these questions to the corporate parenting board to answer so we can continue the ripple effect Duncan has started and hopefully in the future we will

IT IS NOT WHAT WE DO  
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, IT IS  
WHAT WE TEACH THEM TO  
DO FOR THEMSELVES THAT  
WILL MAKE THEM  
SUCCESSFUL HUMAN  
BEING'S- YPBMF

be able to support care leavers accessing files and reduce the mental impact on

them as sometimes the mind hides things in boxes and we forget about them and having your biography from care posted through the door one day can throw your whole life off.

### QUICK POINTS SECTION

>CARE LEAVERS AND THE HOMELESS REDUCTION ACT- 3 KEYS AREA- PREVENTION, INTERVENE RAPIDLY & SUPPORT.

>ISSUES FOR LOCAL OFFER- WHAT IS LANCASHIRE'S ACCOMMODATION OFFER?

>YPBMF ACCESS TO FILES.

>ISSUE FOR THE LOCAL OFFER- HAVE WE GOT SUPPORT IN THE RIGHT PLACE WHEN ACCESSING FILES?

### CARE LEAVER COVENANT

Short feedback

The care leaver covenant will mean a commitment from creating opportunities for care  
be published in national care businesses and organization's leavers. EG internships, discounts,  
leavers week, in a nutshell this will from around the country will be mentoring and sponsorship.

LEAVING WELL- SOCIAL FINANCE ARE WORKING WITH 3 LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES TO CREATE A DIGITAL TOOL FOR PATHWAY PLANS, THIS  
IS BEING TRIALLED BY PERSONAL ADVISORS AND CARE LEAVERS. THE  
OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE BETTER SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND  
TO IMPROVE THE OUTCOMES AT INDEPENDENCE. **WOULD IT BE  
USEFUL TO INVITE SOCIAL FINANCE TO A CORPORATE PARENTING  
BOARD MEETING TO DEMONSTRATE?** YOU CAN READ THEIR REPORT  
LEAVING CARE, LEAVING WELL.

Useful links.

<http://www.careleavers.com/what-we-do/access-to-records/>

<http://www.socialfinance.org.uk/projects/leaving-well>

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### QUESTIONS FROM THEMATIC EVENT—ACCESS TO RECORDS

1:What is the process for care leavers accessing records in your local authority?

2:What effect can accessing records have on care leavers & Why is it important to have support in place?

3:Who provides support to care leavers around accessing in your local authority?

4:Is there enough training and awareness for staff - Leaving care team and partner organizations around care leavers accessing records?

**Is it possible to have a session at the next corporate parenting board on this?**