

Corporate Parenting Board – Groupwork

Item 5 – What would the Board want from District Councils on Housing and Suitable Accommodation?

What we as a Board want to know

- What types of accommodation are available and affordable for care leavers eg flat/social housing/private landlord/supported accommodation?
- Housing priority for leaving care young people?
- What support do you provide/is available?
- Is there a forum that all the district councils feed into?
- What is the quality of the provision and how regularly do you inspect them?
- Do you do a routine inspection?
- What help do you need to improve your services? How can we help?
- What knowledge do your staff have of the needs of young people receiving care?
- What are your housing standards and how do you monitor/maintain this?
- How do care leavers access social housing and how easy is this?
- Are district council willing to take on Council Tax for Care Leavers if Lancashire County Council cease to pay this?
- What support is offered? – this should be on the website.
- Could Housing Association websites have a care leavers section?
- How can Care Leavers have more choice and say no if they think the accommodation is unsuitable?
- Local connection criteria
- Leaving custody
- Hold a meeting with all the housing reps round a table

What we as a Board want provided for our Care Leavers

- Every district council to have something on their website about their offer to young people leaving care.
- Every district council to have a care leaver champion to voice care leavers problems.
- Preparation for life skills.
- Local Authority to be a guarantor.
- Co-location of housing staff and personal advisors.
- Training flats
- Handy-person guide
- Foster carer mentors – visits
- Staged exit from care
- Corporate Parenting Board champions
- Need an accommodation framework for Care Leavers