



# Corporate Parenting Board Performance Report Feedback from LINX



# Focus on Outcomes for Care Leavers

Latest statistics up to September 2014



# CARE LEAVERS IN SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION





**“Suitable accommodation is regarded as suitable if it provides safe, secure and affordable provision for young people”**



**The percentage of care leavers at age 19 that are living in "*suitable accommodation*"...**



In 2013/14

out of **100** care leavers,  
**82** are considered to be



in “suitable  
accommodation”



**This is lower than  
two years ago,  
when 93 out of 100  
were in “suitable  
accommodation”**



**The number of care leavers in *suitable accommodation* has declined from a **high** level in **2010/11** to a **lower** level in recent years**





**Performance as at the  
end of Quarter 2 in  
September 2014 was**

**64.3%**





This is **below** the  
target of **89** out of  
**100**





# What LINX have to say.....



**The number of Care Leavers  
in suitable accommodation  
is declining and below the  
national average – this is not  
acceptable**



**There should  
be clear and consistent  
standards for what makes  
accommodation  
'suitable'**



**The target of care leavers  
living in suitable  
accommodation should be  
100% as everyone is  
entitled to be  
safe and secure**



**When a young person leaves care, placement options should be available for them to consider, review and be approved before the move**



**more support needs to be  
given around budgeting-  
as this often leads to problems**

**Missing rent payments could  
result in eviction**






# CARE LEAVERS IN EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING





**The percentage of care leavers at 19 who are engaged in education, training or employment.....**

**As at the end of 2013/14,  
48 out of 100 care  
leavers were in  
education, training or  
employment on their  
 19th birthday**



**This is a lower performance than in 2012/13 when 55 out of 100 care leavers were in education, training or employment**



**Nationally, 86 out of 100  
young people aged 16-24  
are in education, training  
or employment  
(Sep 2014)**



# What LINX have to say.....



**Care Leavers in Lancashire should be accessing education, employment or training at the same rate as other Care Leavers in England**



**Care Leavers need  
*more* support to access the  
available apprenticeships  
and volunteering schemes**





**Funding could be used  
as an early intervention  
to help young people with  
grades in the form  
of extra tuition**



**More help is needed  
to help care leavers  
find courses  
and employment**



**Assistance  
with writing CVs or  
developing ICT and/or skills  
is crucial**



**Available funds  
in the form of college bursaries  
should be more accessible as not  
everyone is aware of what they  
are entitled to financially**



**In 2013/14 there were 36 care leavers studying at university including 13 first year students**



**In 2014/15 there are 40  
care leavers studying at  
university, including 10 first  
year students**

**3 care leavers retook a  
year in 2014/15**



# What LINX have to say.....



**The decision to study  
at University must be an  
appropriate choice for the  
applicant and suitable students  
need to be well supported**





**There should be  
more support for care  
leavers to get into  
universities**



**Not all Care Leavers  
are aware of the  
support and funding  
available to them**



**Workers need  
to know their stuff  
and share information**



**Individuals may be put off attending university as they may be worried about not having anywhere to live during the holidays**



**At the moment  
it can depend on where you live  
and what worker you have  
as to how much you  
get to know  
about your rights**



**Fully trained staff  
who know about rights for  
Care Leavers  
and who keep their  
knowledge current**



**better support for  
Care Leavers at  
an earlier age  
to help them plan  
making decisions  
about higher education**



**leaving care and  
starting university occur at  
the same time making it a  
stressful time for young  
people**





**professionals  
should recognize this and  
provide additional  
support if required**



**Out of term  
accommodation needs  
to be more readily  
available for care  
leavers**



**The 'Staying Put' policy should apply to all Looked After Children not just those placed with Lancashire "in-house" foster carers**

**The  
End**