

Corporate Parenting Strategic Priorities

In Southampton we are committed to delivering against these seven priorities to ensure our looked after children and care leavers get the best start in life and the support they need.



Priority 1 – Safe and trusted relationships

- Relationships with our children in care should be sustained caring and fun.
- Our children will understand what healthy relationships are.



Priority 2 – help us understand why we are in care

- Children and young people will understand their journey into and through care, why they are looked after, their history and heritage.



Priority 3 – Opportunities and education

- Being in care will help our young people to thrive, giving them chances and ensuring equality; helping them to identify and reach their personal aspirations; enabling them to have successful lives.



Priority 4 – Healthy life

- Our children and young people will have support to be healthy and have the best health they can have both physically and emotionally.



Priority 5 - Home and accommodation

- Our children will have a loving home where they can grow roots and recover.
- They will have stable relationships with their carers and these will be enduring.
- Their housing options when they are leaving our care will be individually right for them.



Priority 6 – Do it together

- We will work with our children and young people to jointly create plans for their care and when they leave our care.



Priority 7 – Prepared and supported

- We will prepare our young people to leave our care and will not give up on them.
- We will ensure that they can lead adult lives that are as safe and supported as possible.

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