Cumbria's Promise

A pledge to children and young people who are Looked After



Cumbria County Council promise to:

1 Respect you as an individual

- We will respect you for who you are as an individual with your own identity and needs.
- We will involve you in decisions which affect you and listen to your views and feelings.
- We will provide services for you which recognise your beliefs, background and ethnicity.

2 Make sure your needs are met

- We will make sure that you have a social worker to support you and you know how to contact them.
- We will do our best to make sure you keep your social worker for as long as possible and try not to change them.
- We will make sure we find out what your needs are, have a plan, and hold reviews with clear actions, and make sure these are taken forward in good time.
- We will aim to provide you with a home that can best meet your needs and interests.

3 Help you stay in touch with family and friends

 We will make sure you return to the care of your family, if it is safe and possible to do so, keeping you happy and safe. • We will make sure that you keep in touch with your family, if its safe to do so, and make sure you keep links with your wider family, friends and community.

4 Care about your education

- We will make sure you get high quality nursery education.
- We will provide a place at the best school for you.
- We will support you to have good school attendance record.
- We will support you to achieve the best you can at school.

5 Help you stay healthy

- We will provide you with the right services to meet your medical, physical and emotional health needs.
- We will support you to take part in the leisure activities that you are interested in.

6 Provide ongoing support in higher education, training or employment

- We will prepare and support you in moving on from care.
- We will provide you with support if you go on to further or higher education.
- We will support and help you in seeking education, employment and training.