



# Angus Integrated Children's Services

Getting it right for looked after children,  
young people and care leavers in Angus

Summary Report  
Corporate Parenting Plan  
2017 - 2020

# You asked us to:

**Listen to what you have to say and ensure you are involved in the decisions that affect your life.**

You told us that you wanted to meet your corporate parents and helped us to organise some fun events. At these events you had your voice heard and got to speak to some of your corporate parents. We did fun things like making pizzas and had an afternoon at the rugby club playing games. You told corporate parents about the things that you would like to see happening in Angus to improve the experience of being in care. This information is being used to help us create our new Angus Promise plan 2021-2024.

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You helped us create the MyViews app so we can hear what you have to say about the things that are important to you and what you want to happen in the future for you. The app offers you an easy way to let people know your views but also lets you share things that you are worried about and the things that you have achieved and are proud of. This information can be shared with your social worker but also with the other important people that you choose. Ask your social worker about getting access to the app and how to use it.



We recognise that you need easy access to advocacy services which gives you choice and offers a variety of ways for you to get involved including groups and individual advocacy. This means that you can share what you want to happen in your life and the things that are important to you. The advocate will work with you to share your views with the professionals in your life regarding the things that are important to you. You can get an advocate at any time the support is there for when you need it. Some young people who were part of the participation group have joined in with opportunities to get involved with corporate parents and are helping to shape the future for care experience children in Angus.



## Our Pledge to you

Find the best possible place for you to live that matches what you need and help you to stay in touch with people who are important to you.

More services have been introduced to support you and the important people in your life including the incredible years and strengthening family's programmes. The new Enhance team are providing early help to families supporting families to stay together. The Kinship team was developed to support families when a young person isn't able to remain at home and goes to live with someone else within their family.

We are working hard to recruit more foster carers who can provide you with a loving home where you can be cared for by people who understand your needs. It's really important if you are not able to live at home or you need a place to go for a short break that we can provide a home where you feel safe, feel confident and able to be yourself.

The people who support you have received and will continue to receive training to ensure they understand your needs and can better support you for example carers, school and social work staff. Training helps make more people aware of the issues that you are facing and the ways that they can support you.

The Together All digital service has been commissioned so that you can access and get support around lots of different issues.

We have commissioned a digital support service Togetherall that you have access to at any time. It is a safe space where you can talk to others who are going through similar situations as you and get support in a variety of ways including self-guided courses and creative tools to help you express how you are feeling.



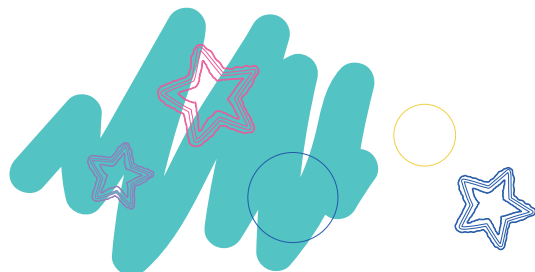
## **Take care of your wellbeing and encourage you to be healthy and active**

Working with Angus Alive we ran a pilot scheme that provided free access to sport and leisure facilities. We are looking to extend this scheme across Angus and will be in touch to let you know how you can join in activities in your area.



Within schools, lots of exciting opportunities are available through Active Schools for you to get healthy and active including team sports such as football and hockey.

School nurses are there to support you to make sure that you stay healthy and receive the health support that you need including when you are feeling low and need to talk to someone. If you have left school you can access Peer counselling support through your GP which is provided by Penumbra and Hillcrest Futures to help you with your mental health and wellbeing.

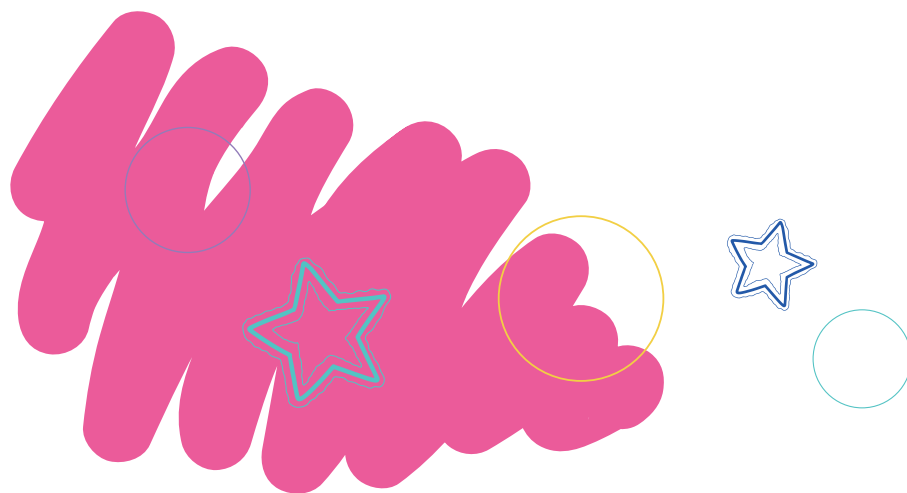


## **Help you to achieve your best at school and in all places where you learn.**

Through the Inclusion project you can get support if you are having difficulties in school. They can help you, achieve your best in school and feel part of the school community. Within school you have a named person who will support your learning and help you to make plans for your future. Nurseries have trained people looking after young children who will make sure care experienced young children get the best start in life they can.

There are resources available and online from education which can support your parents or carers to help you learn, very important over the last year with you not having the same time at school because of Covid-19.

We have worked with Skills Development Scotland and 16+ to make sure that when it's time for you to leave school you get the right support to help you move into a career, work experience or further education to support you to have a future where you can thrive and achieve.



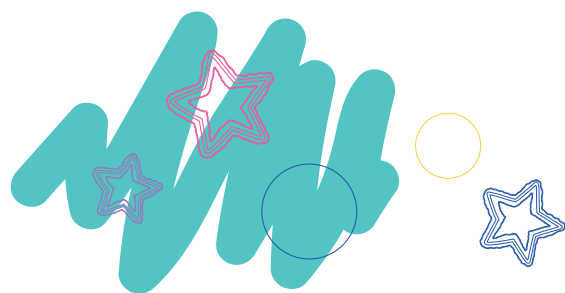
**Ensure you have a lead professional who visits you regularly and works with you and others to provide you with an assessment of your needs and a clear, up to date plan.**

We have changed how our staff work and made localities teams, this means that the social worker and team of people supporting you will be local to you and will as far as possible stay the same. You will have a lead professional, your social worker who will be closely involved in your life, they will make sure that you are kept safe and that your plans reflect your views.



## **Support you to have a positive transition into adulthood**

You will have a key worker from the Horizon team who will support you as you get ready to move into adulthood. You will be offered support from the age of 15.5 up to 26. You will have access to priority housing and reductions in council tax.



## **What is next?**

We know that there is still much work to be done to continue to make improvements in how we look after and nurture children and young people in our care. It's important that you have your say, we are really keen to hear what changes you feel need to be made and how we can better support you and other young people. If you would like to get involved in some of the activities with corporate parents or just want to find out a bit more information, please contact Laura Stevenson Corporate Parent Development Officer Email: [C&YPMANAGERS@angus.gov.uk](mailto:C&YPMANAGERS@angus.gov.uk) or ask an adult to contact Laura who will arrange to speak with you.



# Coming soon!

Angus the Promise Plan  
What corporate parents will  
do to continue the  
improvements over the next  
3 years.



Influencing change  
Your views matter

We will be organising a fun  
event where you and other  
young people along with  
some corporate parents can  
get to know each other and  
have fun



Details coming soon

## Angus Integrated Children's Services Partner Agencies

