



# TRUSTEE PLEDGES

**CANW's fostering service has a legal and moral duty to support the children and young people in its care, and leaving care, to ensure that they receive the best possible parenting and support.**

CANW's commitment to improving outcomes for care experienced children and young people ensures that: trustees, managers, staff and carers work collaboratively with children and young people to provide clarity about expectations.

The collaborative development of a set of Pledges reminds us that children have the need and the

right to be protected from harm, be involved in decision making processes and receive the best provision to meet their needs.

Pledges are important because they detail what the service should provide in terms of support and care. By setting out their entitlements into a set of pledges that are upheld by Trustees, children and young people are given real power to enforce, shape and influence the parenting they receive.

Pledges also enable children and young people to develop personal responsibility for their rights and entitlements and support the organisation to continue to develop its services.

## **WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A SAFE, STABLE HOME ENVIRONMENT AND CONSISTENT CARE.**

### **And to do this we will:**

- Match carers and young people to best meet needs.
- Provide you with the opportunity, where possible, to meet your foster family before you move in with them or give you access to welcome book, photographs or video of your new home and carers.
- Provide you with good, well-trained and well-supported carers & staff.
- Support you to maintain contact with members of your birth family where it is safe to do so.
- Give you the opportunity to build strong and lasting relationships with carers and key staff.
- Create a CANW family by helping you build good relationships with carers and staff and maintain contact with them.

## **WE WILL PROTECT YOUR RIGHT TO BE INVOLVED IN DECISIONS THAT AFFECT YOUR LIFE.**

### **And to do this we will:**

- Listen to you and take your views into consideration.
- Enable real two-way communication between children & young people, carers and service-providers.
- Explain what we have done as a result of what you have said, or explain why it wasn't possible.
- Give you opportunities to be involved in the development and delivery of the service.
- Help you find an advocate/Appropriate Adult if you would like support to communicate your wishes and feelings.

## **WE WILL SUPPORT YOUR HEALTH & WELLBEING.**

### **And to do this we will:**

- Ensure that you are registered with a doctor, dentist and optician.
- Ensure that you have access to health services to meet your physical and emotional health needs.
- Be responsive to the real needs of children and young people in care.
- Tailor any support you require to meet your needs.
- Provide opportunities to enrich the quality of life for children and young people in care.

## **WE WILL HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR POTENTIAL.**

### **And to do this we will:**

- Accept and celebrate your uniqueness as an individual and assist you to know yourself, your strengths, talents, hopes and dreams.
- Support you to attend school or college consistently.
- Encourage you to pursue your own hobbies and interests.
- Provide you with activities/events to ensure that you have opportunities to have fun and make friends.
- Acknowledge and celebrate your achievements.

## **WE WILL EMPOWER YOU WITH THE SKILLS AS YOU MOVE TOWARDS WORK AND INDEPENDENCE.**

### **And to do this we will:**

- Support you to develop the skills and experience necessary for you to become a successful adult that can successfully live independently in the future.
- Support you to understand your future accommodation options including information about 'Staying Put'.
- Maintain contact with you when you are leaving care and moving into independence - providing a CANW family.
- Support you to find employment or further training.