

Being the best parents we can be

Our approach to providing York
homes for York children



Plan for the session

- Introductions
- Exercise
- The experience of being in care – video
- Who are our children ?
- Legal framework
- Discussions and questions



The experience

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LD_bM0TjtU



Who are our children?

- Slightly more boys than girls
- Largest age group 10 – 15
- 90% from White British background
- Most children are subject to a care order but.....
- 77% are in foster care, 3.8% in residential care, 9% placed with their parents



Legal Framework

- The Children and Social Work Act 2017 says that when a child or young person comes into the care of the local authority, or is under 25 and was looked-after by the authority for at least 13 weeks after their 14th birthday, the authority becomes their corporate parent.



This means that they should:

Act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and wellbeing, of those children and young people

Encourage them to express their views, wishes and feelings, and take them into account, while promoting high aspirations and trying to secure the best outcomes for them

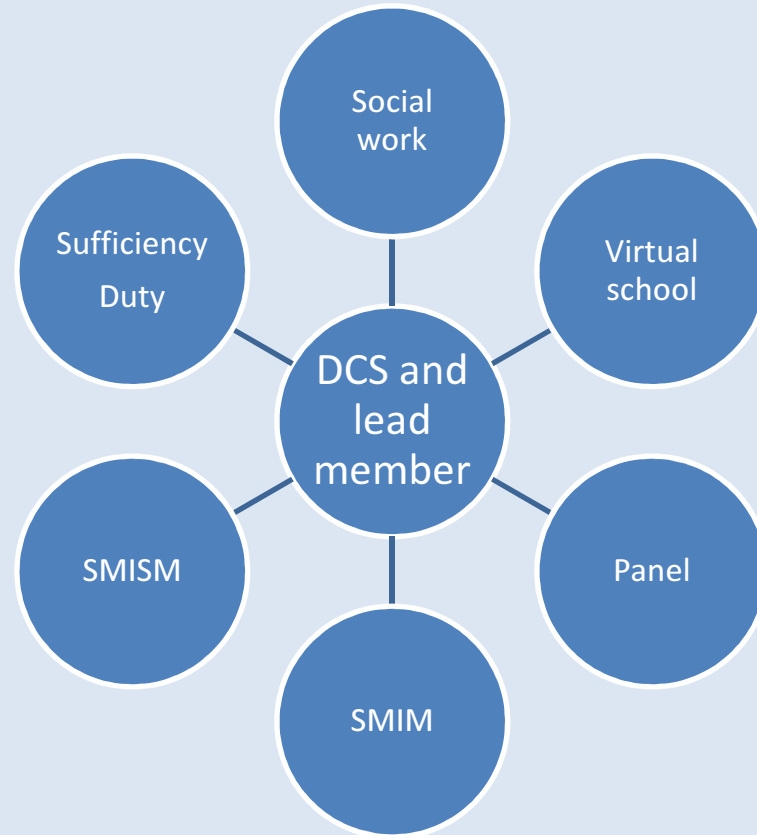
Make sure they have access to services

Make sure that they are safe, with stable home lives, relationships and education or work

Prepare them for adulthood and independent living.



How do we do this in York



Sufficiency Duty

- Family style homes
- Local to the areas children come from
- Children as part of their communities
- Everyone being a corporate parent



Discussion and questions

