

# Care Leavers Charter

CYC have signed up to the Charter as produced by the Care Leavers Foundation and distributed by the Department for Education.

- Care leavers in York & Show me I matter comment that the charter, is over wordy, not written in words they understand, confusing and not realistic in its statements and promises.
- They would like a charter that speaks to them for them and has bullet points.
- They have made the following suggestions

The City of York promises:

- ❖ To respect and believe in you, support you in your beliefs and accept your culture
- ❖ To value your strengths and encourage your goals
- ❖ To take time to listen to you, respect your point of view and put your needs, thoughts and feelings at the heart of all decisions about you. If our opinion is different to yours we will fully explain why, and try to negotiate a compromise.
- ❖ To give you information you may need to support you in your journey to adulthood.
- ❖ To support you with the choices you make; we will support you and not judge you if you change your mind.
- ❖ To give you advice, information, practical and financial help and to provide emotional support.
- ❖ To prepare you for your move to independent living, but only when you are ready. To do all we can to help you feel safe and happy to help you settle into independent life.
- ❖ To help you break down barriers you face when dealing with other agencies. We will work with other agencies such as housing, benefits, colleges, universities, employment providers and health services to offer you the support you may need.
- ❖ To provide you with a named Pathway worker to age 21 or 25 if in education.
- ❖ To offer you advice and information whatever your age.
- ❖ To keep care leavers up to date about any future changes in the charter's promises