This pledge is a promise from North Yorkshire County Council to all care leavers:
it tells you what you can expect from the adults who support you.
We pledge that for all young people who leave our care, we will always have your welfare and best interests at the heart of all we do.

**Individual support**
- We will make sure that you get the right support and give you advice on what we think will be best for you.

**Planning**
- We will help you to plan for your future. This will include education and employment, looking after your health and managing your money.
- We will ensure that other people who are important to you will be involved in making these plans.

**Accommodation**
- We will help you find the right place to live.
- We will support you to stay with your foster carers, if this is possible.

**Education, employment and training**
- We will encourage and support you to get the right education, training or employment.
- We will encourage and support you to access university (if this is something you wish to do).
- We will make sure you have the right items you need to help with your studies.

**Listening to you and respecting your rights**
- We will listen to your views about the support you got when you were looked after and as a care leaver to help us improve our leaving care services.
- We will listen to you and tell you about the role of an advocate and how to access one, if you need extra support.
- We will tell you how you can access your care records, should you wish to see them.

For further information, please speak to your leaving care personal adviser or social worker.
Young People’s Council (YPC)
The YPC is a group of care experienced young people who regularly meet to talk about issues around being looked after and leaving care. The YPC also meet directly with the director of children’s services, senior managers and county councillors to let them know what the YPC is doing and give them feedback from looked after children.

If you would like to be involved with the YPC, please telephone 01609 536621, email ypc@northyorks.gov.uk or visit www.nyyss.org/ypc

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