This pledge is a promise from North Yorkshire County Council to all the children and young people in our care: it tells you what you can expect from the adults who support you.

Younger children

The Young People’s Council (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 meets every school holiday and they invite along the director of children’s services, senior managers and County Councillors to let them know what the YPC is doing.

11. Who can I go to if I am not happy?

There are a range of people and independent organisations you can talk to or contact:
- Your carer
- Your support worker
- Your Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO)
- The complaints team at North Yorkshire County Council
- The National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS)
- Ofsted
- Rights4Me

Contact us

If you would like to be involved with the Young People’s Council (YPC) contact Barry Bushby (young person who chairs the YPC) on 01609 797067, email the YPC on ypc@northyorks.gov.uk or contact Kathy Peacock (helps young people run the YPC meetings) on 01609 532107/07974768883.

If you would like this information in another language or format such as Braille, large print or audio, please ask us.

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1. How will adults make sure I am fit and healthy?

Your ‘support worker’ (this could be a social worker, family support worker or key worker) will make sure you have any health appointments you need and support you to attend these appointments.

2. How will I get information about my foster carers before I live with them?

Your support worker will make sure you get all the information you need before moving to live with them.

3. Who will arrange for me to meet my carers before I live with them?

Your support worker will make sure you meet your carers before you move into their care.

4. How will I be able to do the things that interest me?

Your carers/support worker will support you to pursue any hobbies and interests you may have.

5. Will the adults involved in my care spend time with me and get to know me?

We will make sure that the adults supporting you, spend quality time with you and respond to your needs.

6. I want to be asked what I want for my future and for my wishes and feelings to be written down in a way I can understand. Who will do this?

All the adults who support you will listen to you, write down what you say and share that information with you.

7. How will you make sure I keep in contact with my family and friends?

The adults who support you will make sure you see people who are important to you (making sure you are safe when you do).

8. How will you support me in school, college or work?

Your support worker will make sure you have all the support and equipment/aids you need to help you achieve.

9. How will you celebrate my achievements and believe that I can do well in school, college or work?

We will encourage and support you to achieve your goals and celebrate your achievements with you.

10. How will I find out about the options available to me at college, university or in work?

We will make sure you have all the information you need to be able to make choices about college, university or work.