

OUR

PROMISE

TO YOU

The Torbay pledge to cared for and care experienced children/young people

2025 edition

Hi everyone,

I'm Nancy Meehan, the Director of Children's Services. I'm excited to share our new pledge with you. This pledge is all about our promise to support and stand by you until July 2026.

Right now, we're working on a new plan called the Corporate Parenting Strategy. This plan will help us make sure we're doing everything we can to support you. Until the plan is ready, this pledge will be our guide.

As part of developing our Corporate Parenting Strategy, we undertook a consultation to gather your feedback. Your ideas and voices are really important to us, and we have used the feedback you provided to help formulate this year's pledge. We are always here to listen to your feedback and make changes that will help us better support you. Once the new plan is approved, we'll work together with you to create a new pledge. Your ideas and voices are really important to us, and we want to make sure our promises reflect what you need and want.

Thank you for being part of our community. We're here for you, and we're excited to work together to make things better.

Nancy Meehan

Director of Children's Services



Torbay Pledge to Cared For and Care Experienced Children and Young People (2025 Edition)

We, as your corporate parents, pledge to support, empower, and respect you. This pledge is built on your voices, your experiences, and your aspirations. It reflects our commitment to listen, act, and stand beside you—always.

1. Respect and Empowerment

- We will treat you as individuals, not labels.
- We will listen to you, involve you in decisions, and explain things clearly.
- We will respect your privacy and ensure you are not singled out or bullied.

2. Health and Wellbeing

- We will support your physical and mental health through regular check-ups and access to services.
- We will help you develop a Personal Health Plan tailored to your needs and choices.
- We will celebrate your achievements and support your resilience and self-worth.

3. Education and Learning

- We will help you stay in your preferred school or college and explain any changes.
- We will develop a Personal Education Plan to help you succeed.
- We will support your learning journey with encouragement and understanding.

4. Relationships and Identity

- We will support your relationships with family, friends, and siblings.
- We will plan visits and family time around your preferences.
- We will help you build a strong sense of identity and belonging.

5. Independence and Future Opportunities

- We will guide you as you grow, offering support when needed and space when wanted.

- We will help you develop life skills and access opportunities in education, employment, and training until at least age 21.
- We will celebrate your talents and support your goals.

6. Participation and Voice

- We will ensure your voice is heard in all decisions that affect you.
- We will work with you individually or through groups like the Children in Care Council, SEND Youth Forum and the Young Persons Panel
- We will review this pledge annually to ensure it reflects your evolving needs and priorities.

Developed With You

This pledge was shaped through consultation with cared for children and care experienced adults in Torbay. It reflects real experiences and is aligned with restorative practice values and inclusive language.

