


Coffee and Chat – Children and Young People who are Care Experienced

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Further reading / learning / training

What	Where to go / link etc.	Details
An overview of looked after children and care leavers (Surrey Heartlands)	Looked After Children and Care Leavers - ICS (surreyheartlands.org)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a looked after child? • How we look after children and young people in • Care Leavers Health Partnership Strategy • Surrey's Looked After Children Sufficiency Strategy • Care Leaver Covenant
A Care System that Cares	A care system that cares Barnardo's (barnardos.org.uk)	Lesson for the Independent Review of Children's Social Care from young people with direct experience of it
Looked after children (Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership)	Looked After Children - Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership (surreyscp.org.uk)	Including FREE online training – Communicating Effectively with Vulnerable Children and Young People (<i>the chance to improve communication skills by learning techniques which place the child at the heart of the interaction</i>)
Language that cares	childrenyoungpeopledefinitionsdoc.pdf (education.gov.scot)	May be helpful to support with defining care experience

Signposting for care experienced children and young people and those supporting them

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Local Offer – what is available	Surrey Care Leavers Local Offer (surreycc.gov.uk)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support available • The role of a PA (Personal Adviser) • Pathway plan • Health and wellbeing, leisure, culture and life skills • Celebration fund, leisure fund, bike scheme
Surrey Youth Voice	Our local offer to care leavers - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)	Details of local offer to care leavers
Care Leavers Covenant	Care Leaver Covenant - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)  Surrey Heartlands - Linda Cunningham.ppt	The Care Leaver Covenant (CLC) is a national inclusion programme that supports care leavers aged 16 to 25 to live independently
Kinship Compass <i>(Kinship carers = grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles and family friends – who care for children when their parents can't)</i>	Kinship Compass Independent information hub for kinship carers	Kinship Compass helps all kinship carers to get expert advice and information, offering access emotional support through peer support groups and connecting with other kinship carers
Become	Home Page - Become (becomecharity.org.uk)	A charity for children in care and young care leavers – advice, coaching, support, opportunity to meet other care experienced young people
New Leaf Service	New Leaf Service :: Mindworks Surrey (mindworks-surrey.org)	Providing support, assessment and intervention for children and young people who are in care, care leavers, adopted and/or under Special Guardianship Orders who are affected by

		developmental trauma and attachment difficulties
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Surrey Heartlands Care Leavers pilot

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Tedx video – Hannah Kirkbride - How the care system affects career prospects	How the care system affects career prospects Hannah Kirkbride TEDxNHS - YouTube	“When a child can no longer be parented at home, the state steps in. The child becomes the ward of the state, or the corporate parent. These children have done nothing wrong but their health and life outcomes can be dramatically affected. Hannah Kirkbride challenges our assumptions about the care system and challenges us to 'see more' in care experienced people.” Intro to the Tedx video
Video of the pilot briefing	Care Experienced Briefing Event - YouTube	Working with delivery partners Career Matters and Surrey Youth Focus to develop health and social employment pathways for care experienced young people in Surrey, including volunteering and short-term work placements across a range of partners
Employer registration form	Career Matters Employers EOI - Career Matters (career-matters.org)	A registration form for public and private sector organisations offering employment opportunities for care experienced young people
VCSE registration form	Career Matters VCSE EOI - Career Matters (career-matters.org)	A registration form for VCSE sector organisations offering employment opportunities for care experienced young people
Young person referral form (for professionals)	Career Matters CEP Referral Form - Career Matters (career-matters.org)	A referral form for professionals to complete on behalf of a young person

Young person self-referral form	Self Referral Form for Thrive - Career Matters (career-matters.org)	A self-referral form for young people to complete
Lived Experience Charter	Lived Experience Charter - Career Matters (career-matters.org)	The Lived Experience Charter is an award that providers of NHS England Health and Justice services and integrated systems can apply to complete and receive. Having Lived Experience Charter 'status' will demonstrate that organisations have quality standards, best practices, and a commitment to improving the inclusive recruitment and retention practices of people with lived experience'

Other employment opportunities for care experienced young people

Care Leaver Covenant	Care Leaver Opportunities - Care Leaver Covenant (mycovenant.org.uk)	Over 2,000 opportunities covering employment, training and holistic support along with home kits, home DIY refurbishments, free tickets, discounts and giveaways
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Useful contacts

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Corporate Parenting Board	Surrey County Council's Corporate Parenting Board and Strategy - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)	The Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) provides robust assurance of the whole corporate parenting system, ensuring Surrey is an

		outstanding corporate parent to its children; and that all looked after children and care leavers can achieve their full potential in life
Virtual School	Surrey Virtual School (SVS) - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)	If a child or young person is in the care of Surrey local authority and are of school age they will be a pupil of the Surrey Virtual School for Children in Care
Directory of useful contacts	Useful contacts for care leavers - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Leavers Service contact info • Financial, employment and accommodation support services • Drug and alcohol support services • Sexual health support services • Emotional health and wellbeing support services

Funds and offers available

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Celebration Fund for Looked After Children and Care Leavers	Celebration Fund for Looked After Children and Care Leavers - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)	Can provide a small discretionary fund to cover Lessons/Training, equipment for a hobby, visits/trips once per year, outside of the core offer available