This is how we support care-experienced children and young people as a city. In everything we do we are committed to you having a voice, being listened to, and staying safe.

This looks like:

- Asking you for your views and giving you feedback ('You said... We did...')
- Involving you in decisions about your life so we can better understand your needs and what makes you happy.
- Making sure you know your rights and what support you can expect.
- Supporting you to make sure you feel safe
- Supporting you to live a life free from harm and abuse.

These are our priority commitments to you. We will work with other people from other organisations in Bristol to help us do this:

Meaningful relationships

- Support you to see people who are important to you regularly, especially those in your family
- Support you to build positive relationships which last into adulthood

Positive futures

- Make sure we celebrate your achievements and successes with you
- Help you to learn in the right school for you
- Help you access a range of work and learning opportunities
- Support you to feel settled at school and able to do well
- Help you to get the right support when you leave care

Safe and stable homes

- Find the best home for you. Wherever possible, include you in decisions about where you live and who you live with.
- When you are an adult and ready to live independently we will help find you the right home

Identity and belonging

- Support you in all aspects of your identity including culture, ethnicity, faith, gender identity, sexuality and disability
- Support you with getting citizenship if needed
- Help you understand your life story
- Challenge any stigma related to being care experienced

Carers and workforce

- Get to know your workers and avoid changes wherever possible
- Support workers and carers to provide you with the right training to meet your needs

Happy and healthy

- Support your physical and mental health by providing access to health care services.
- Help you have access to hobbies and activities you enjoy
- Ensure you have someone to talk to and help to manage big feelings

Getting involved

CiCC (Children in Care Council) and Community (participation group for care-experienced young people) work with the council to share their views and improve the lives of care-experienced children and young people in Bristol. We are on Instagram, Facebook and also have an App. For more info ask your social worker or personal adviser.

For an independent visitor or advocate email **info@reconstruct.co.uk**

You can give feedback or make a complaint through an advocate, or online at bristol.gov.uk



