

**What Makes The Difference?
GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLE**

This example of good practice relates to criteria 5.2 of the National Leaving Care Standards contributing to ECM outcomes:

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well being

Name(s) and region of agency/organisation in which this piece of work was developed
Staffordshire Throughcare Team

Target group(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled young people | <input type="checkbox"/> Young people 19+ years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young people with mental health needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Boys only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young people from black and minority ethnic groups | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Young people as trainers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young people not in education, training and employment (NEET) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senior management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Older looked after children 15+ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Young people leaving care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster carers | <input type="checkbox"/> Researchers/evaluators |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls and boys | <input type="checkbox"/> Trainers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young people involved as researchers | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service managers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive and lead members/councillors | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead professionals (social workers/personal advisors) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other support/care workers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth workers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information workers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young people in custody | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young parents | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Young people 16+ | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Young people involved in services(SUI) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify) | |

<p>Purpose and intended outcomes of this work</p> <p>To provide work experience with the local authority in a supportive environment. To enhance young people's skills and confidence.</p>	
<p>Description of what was carried out in this piece of work (the intervention/s)</p> <p>A three month work experience placement is available to care leavers enabling them to work with the Children's Rights Commissioner for Staffordshire. This enables the young person to work with the Commissioner, supporting their work and working with other young people. The post comes with a pre-arranged Personal Development Programme for the young person so that their experience and learning is carefully planned and thought out with clear targets.</p>	
<p>Service structures and processes that were set up (e.g. posts, partnership groups etc)</p>	<p>The post is available on a 3 month basis, thereby making it available to as wide a group of young people as possible.</p>
<p>Type of agency/organisation in which this work was developed</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Local authority department - unitary</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local authority department - metropolitan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local authority department - borough council</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local authority department - county (shire) council</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local authority department - city council</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local authority department - London borough</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary organisation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Multi-agency (please specify agencies involved)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Health agency (e.g. PCT, NHS Trust)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education agency</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth justice agency</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth service</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)</p>

Region where work was developed	<input type="checkbox"/> National (please specify UK nation i.e. England, Scotland, Wales, N. Ireland) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NW England <input type="checkbox"/> NE England <input type="checkbox"/> SW England <input type="checkbox"/> SE England <input type="checkbox"/> London <input type="checkbox"/> East Midlands <input type="checkbox"/> West Midlands
Name(s) of tools/resources developed as part of this work	

In what sense is this 'good practice'? The evidence	
<i>Underlying</i> evidence used to develop the interventions in this piece of work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None - new exploratory/developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Not known <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practitioner knowledge/experience only <input type="checkbox"/> Published research evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Local research / evaluation
Source of evidence available to show the <i>impact</i> of the interventions used in this work What this evidence/information suggests	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Internal / self-evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anecdotal / impressions <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Not known <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive impact (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> Negative impact (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> Other impact <input type="checkbox"/> Not known

<p>Type of evidence about the 'process' of delivering the interventions used in this work</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive impact (if any)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Negative impact (if any)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other impact</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not known</p>
<p>Feedback/evaluation report available on this site?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, click here to view</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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