

Care-leavers get Passport to Independence

A recent workshop saw the council exploring ways to allow care-leavers to move into independent, successful lives.

The Passport to Independence workshop was held to enable young people and their personal advisors and other colleagues to work together to develop a practical, working tool that will support each individual young person when they leave care and begin to live on their own.

The young people who attended chose the areas that they would like to be included in the passport such as budgeting, health, education and housing options. These were areas which they believed will enable them to plan their next goals and future.



By listening to the views and suggestions of the young people it is hoped that they will be able to create a useful and personal plan that will be used by them and their workers to evidence that they have the skills needed on their journey to independence.

The event was also attended by the Chief Executive of the council Richard Carr and Councillors Susan Goodchild and Budge Wells, both of whom are part of the corporate parenting panel.

"I thoroughly enjoyed meeting the young people," said Richard. "It was a great opportunity to listen to their stories and thoughts and how they would like to see their Passports to Independence develop into a vital support tool for when they begin their next journey."

