Acting in your best interests - what you can expect:

- We are offering you a personal advisor who will be in contact with you for a minimum of 8 weeks.
- We will talk with you about your life, what you want for the future and how we can support you in your aspirations.
- We will take into account your experiences to date, including those who matter to you so we understand your needs, wants and wishes.
- Your pathway plan will a written record and plan of what you want for your future which together we will regularly review.
- The sections below give more detail on what Peterborough can offer you in you moving forward.

This is an initial document/offer, that will then be updated following consultation with other offers and young people.

1. Health and wellbeing- services

- Kooth online support about mental wellbeing
- Red Cross drop in for uasc care leavers
- Information on support with prescription
- Support with referral to drug and alcohol service
- Health Passport at the point of leaving care so you have your personal health history
- Provide a Pathway Plan that is personalised to you and will signpost to appropriate services in respect to your sexual health and mental well being.

2. Accommodation- services

- Access to the housing register from 17 ½
- Working with housing department to identify appropriate supported accommodation provision when and if you need it.
- Financial support in setting up your own home when you are ready to do so.
- The option to stay put with your foster carer if you both want this. Guidance as to what this will mean for everyone.
- ‘LEAP’ independent service advice around energy efficient homes for new tenants, offering you advice and guidance on who is the best provider for your money.
● Work in partnership with you and housing providers to get you ready for independence to have your own property and keep this. Ensure that we give advice as to bill paying, maintenance of property and how to keep a tenancy.

3. Education and Apprenticeships & Employment

● A named worker who will work with you to get you back into education, when you decide to.
● Supporting you with an apprenticeships so you have the right knowledge and experience for further applications.
● Support in writing your CV
● Rights resolutions charity work in partnership with us to get you into work with support.
● We will work with the Department of work and pensions to make sure you applications for ongoing benefit support is processed in a timely manner, with the right information so you don’t get your application rejected.
● If you come from a different country we will ensure you are supported in learning english through our partnership arrangement with the local college support staff for uasc and care leavers within local college
● Guaranteed place on National Citizen Service for those in year 12 and 13 to help you get experience in work to add to your CV.
● Partnership arrangements with employers in Peterborough for Apprenticeships.
● Financial support for those in Higher Education
● Funding of first years accommodation at university, with financial support through holiday periods
● Financial support for tuition fees in degree courses
● Opportunities for you to have wider life long positive experiences in such areas as volunteering and gap years
● Specialist work related clothing /interview outfit
● TA commitment that no care leaver will be financially disadvantaged by taking an apprenticeship rather than a college course. Eg provision of transport costs

4. Your Relationships

● Support you in maintaining or regaining contact with family through lifelong links and PA services
● Build pathway plas that help you support healthy relationships with peers, friends, family and ongoing relationships
5. Getting you ready for Adulthood

- Opportunities to take part in csc recruitment process ie interviewing staff
- Ensuring you have copies of your birth certificate etc so you can access employment
- Where you need ongoing support into adulthood that you know who will provide this and what it will look like
- The opportunity to join the care leavers forum which is a community of like minded people.
- Drop sessions in the city for you to access your PA will give you more details of this.
- Opportunities to meet with elected members on specific issues
- Where you have lost touch with family we can support you in reconnecting with those you feel are important to you.
- Planning with you will include considering your background, religion, and areas of your life that matter to you such as where you would like to live post 18.
- We will consult you on your views, comments and complaints so we can shape and improve how we do things.
- We will stay in touch with you up to the age of 25 if that if what you want

6. Being part of your community

- Provide a Drop in that will help make links with local agencies and other young people who have the offer of leaving care services
- Signpost you to other services that can help support you
- Offer the opportunity to be part of the Children in Care Council, who feed into the bigger council meetings where decisions are made about the ongoing offer to young people in care.