

## Protected Characteristic for Care Leavers and Local Offer



“Care experienced people often face discrimination and stigma across housing, health, education and many other areas.

“This can’t happen in Telford in Wrekin. Here we can make a difference.

“As corporate parents, we are responsible for providing the best possible care for all children and young people looked after by our authority.

“We have already made important steps and have a strong local offer to care leavers in place.

“As an “outstanding” Ofsted-rated council for children’s services, we will always strive to do more and we now want to:

- Make care experience a protected characteristic, with council services and policies updated to give special considerations to residents who have experienced care;
- Encourage local organisations to also treat care experience as a protected characteristic and to adopt the corporate parenting principles and
- Update our local offer to care leavers with additional support and services available within the borough.

“We are committed to enabling care experienced young people to build a prosperous, healthy and happy future.

“These proposals will ensure they have the tools to do just that.”



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