

**Care Experienced
Young People and
those working with the
Youth Justice Service**

Case Study – Child A



Case Study – "Kyle" (Post 18)

What was the situation?

- Care from 11 years old
- 8 Foster Placements in 6 years
- At 17 was in independent "supported" living
- At 18 had a 2 year suspended sentence for PWITS
- For 1 year (when 19) moved around through TA system – move every 56 days
- NEET
- No formal education or qualifications
- Traumatic catastrophic thinking



What did we do?

- Found an employer who:
 - Was patient about his inconsistent living arrangements
 - Employer who treated him like another lad but sympathetic to the trauma of his care journey
 - Made allowances – reasonable adjustments –
 - Happy for a 2 way working relationship with ETE Advisor
 - Made and kept realistic promises

What is the situation now?

- Remained employed with same employer for 2 years
- Passed his CBT
- Currently doing his driving lessons, as a reward for simultaneously doing his plumbing apprenticeship
- Has been settled in accommodation for 18 months
- No arrests in 18 months
- Accessing Talk Therapy and CBTherapy
- Catastrophic thinking all but disappeared – only more connected triggers



Care Experienced Young People

- 910 Devon Young people in Care (4 – 16 yr olds)
- 200 aged 16 – 18
- Approximately 35% of all CIC have an EHCP
- 25% Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) – 3% Nationally
- 60% of Post 16 are at college – 30 have dropped out
- 2.5% of Post 16 are in an Apprenticeship
- Post 18 – 50% NEET



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Why are they in care?

- Neglect, Abuse, Family breakdown - Care orders / Section 20
- They all have their individual backstory – case studies

Why do they need support?

- Every day is a battle, even before stepping into the workplace
- Trauma - ACEs

Looking Promising for the Future?

- Care Experienced is now a Protected Characteristic here in Devon
- Social Value Programmes...John Lewis / PACE



Adverse Childhood Experiences – ACEs

- Can you spell the colours?
- Why do we need care givers?
- What happens if our care is interrupted or reduced?
- SHAME is the background emotion for many children in care and children who offend more seriously



Positive About Care Experience

PACE



- What is PACE?
- Why was PACE created?
- Who is behind PACE?
- How do you get involved?

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So what are we asking for?

- Sign up for PACE
- Sign up for the DCC Talent Bank
- QR codes at the End

- What percentage of 16/17 year olds in Devon are looked after children?
- What percentage of 16/17 year olds in Youth Offender Institutes are looked after children?
- Leap scheme – handouts available

Questions?



Sign up here

PACE Project



DCC Talent Bank



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