

Thurrock's

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To Children and  
Young People  
in Care

This pledge has been designed by the Thurrock Children in Care Council (CiCC). The pledge was established on 30th October 2010 by a group of CiCC members in consultation with other young people in care and care leavers.

### So what is The Pledge?

The pledge consists of 6  
... people  
Health, Education,  
relationships and

### Who does The Pledge apply to?

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# Thurrock's Pledge

We promise to do everything we can to keep you safe and feel important to us while in care by...

making staff available to speak to you when you need to contact them to discuss your problems, anxieties and achievements.

involving you in decisions and plans that are made that will affect our current and future life.

not changing your social worker unless absolutely necessary

giving you advice and support to stay safe both within your home and community.

calling you back within 24 hours.



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We promise to help you reach your dreams while in care by...

celebrating your achievements and recognising your goals and helping to push you further while in care.

supporting you to attend and achieve in education.

providing you with good educational opportunities that best meet your abilities.

providing you with a translating dictionary in your language when you first come into care if your first language is not English.

giving you the same opportunities available to young people who are not looked after.

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We promise to support your positive relationships and social activities by...

giving priority when you ask to stay with friends and relatives away from your normal placement.

aiding you in having easy access to libraries, youth clubs and positive activities.

giving you access to an independent visitor/ mentors

supporting you in being heard throughout the local authority across all departments.



## Thurrock's

We promise to prepare you for adult life and leaving care by...

- supporting you financially up until the time you start work or are entitled to claim benefit
- providing you with grant to help you settle into your own accommodation when you leave care.
- supporting you in higher education at university.
- helping you with support to seek employment and training
- helping you with transport for attending education and LAC appointments
- supporting you to apply for all documentation and providing you with necessary information on your rights.



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From the Director of Children's  
Services

Thurrock Council wants to make sure we stick to the promises made to you and ensure that we are providing you our best service. Please discuss this pledge and let us know your views about how Thurrock Council is doing on its promises. This can be done through your Independent reviewing officer or you can get in contact with the CiCC. Additionally, the CiCC is always looking for new representatives and would welcome your interest if you want to get involved.

If you have any comments or questions about anything you see in this pledge, please contact your Social Worker.

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call 01375 413730 for further  
information