



**Western Health
and Social Care Trust**

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S DIRECTORATE

Family & Child Care

Young People's Corporate Parenting Forum

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The Young Peoples' Corporate Parenting Forum is an opportunity for Care Leavers and Looked After Children to speak directly to senior corporate parents including the Chief Executive and The Chairman about the issues that affect them most, about being in care and leaving care.

- The forum is part of the Women and Childrens wider young people's participation strategy and in line with service user involvement in the design of services.
- The forum will meet twice yearly and provide young people with regular access to senior staff in the Trust, thus ensuring that they get regular feedback about the matters they have raised.
- The venue for the Forum will be agreed with the Young People involved, and will alternate between Derry and Omagh venues.
- 6 – 10 young people from The Looked After and 16+ Services will be supported and encouraged to meet the Chief Executive and Chairman.
- The Chief Executive and Chairman will provide a welcoming and informal environment to encourage an open conversation with the Young People.
- The young people will be supported to attend the Forum by the 16+ Development Manager, who has responsibility for the Participation Agenda within the service.
- The 16+ Development Manager will lead on a range of on-going Participative Approaches to gathering the views, concerns and indeed positive feedback that young people have about service delivery. The matters presented to the Forum will reflect the key areas that young people have been discussing throughout the year with the 16+ Development Manager. Indeed it is anticipated that changes to service delivery will happen on an on-going basis as a result of the participation approach, and in such instances, the Forum will be updated about these as well.

- The Chief Executive and Chairperson will agree with the Young people what improvements and actions they want implemented as a result of the Young Peoples discussions at the Forum. The 16+ Service will in turn provide a written response to the Forum in line with actions and improvements required.
- The 16+ Service will develop methods for providing information to all Young People in their service about the outcomes of this Forum. This could be done in a regular news letter or a social media approach.