

# POST TRAINING PACK

## CARE EXPERIENCE AND CORPORATE PARENTING

### INTRODUCTION

Thank you for attending our training session on care experience and Corporate Parenting, we hope you found the session useful. This additional information pack has been created to supplement your learning from the training session and highlight additional resources around topics we explored.

Should you have any further questions or need any more information about anything in this pack, please get in touch with us at [corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org](mailto:corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org)

### The Corporate Parenting Duties

[Corporate Parenting duties](#), set out in the [Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Act 2014](#), and accompanying [guidance](#), are there to help organisations consider how they plan to support Care Experienced people:



Be **alert** to matters which, or which might, adversely affect the wellbeing of looked after children and care leavers.



**Assess** the needs of those children and young people for services and support.



**Promote** the interests of those children and young people.



Seek to provide looked after children and care leavers with **opportunities** to participate in activities designed to promote their wellbeing.



Take action to help those children and young people to **access** opportunities and make use of the services and access support they provide.



Take any other action you consider appropriate for the purpose of **improving** the way in which you exercise your functions in relation to looked after children and care leavers.

You can read more about the Corporate Parenting duties in this [guidance document](#).



## Collaborative Corporate Parenting Network

Remember – you're not alone! A key part of Corporate Parenting is to [collaborate](#) and work in partnership with other Corporate Parents to ensure that together, you can have a positive impact on all aspects of the lives of Care Experienced children, young people and adults.

The **Collaborative Corporate Parenting Network** is a collaborative space created to bring Corporate Parents together to share best practice, knowledge and to discuss ongoing work. The Collaborative Corporate Parenting Network provides a space in which we can facilitate collaboration between network members.

We have representation across many different Corporate Parents in Scotland, including Police Scotland, Disclosure Scotland, colleges and universities and local authorities.

The Collaborative Corporate Parenting Network meets quarterly, online, and provides various learning and development opportunities for network members. We are always looking to welcome new members to the network and hope to see as many of Scotland's Corporate Parents represented as possible.

If you would like to find out more about the network please email:  
[corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org](mailto:corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org)



## Resources

You can find a range of multimedia resources on the [Resource Library](#) on our [website](#). We have thematic [videos](#) which capture the voice of our Care Experienced members, as well as accessible written guidance documents on Corporate Parenting. You can filter by the theme 'Corporate Parenting' to see all the resources we've created. We have linked some recommended resources and reports below:

### Guidance Documents

- [How to write a great Corporate Parenting Plan](#)

### Reports

- [Lifelong Rights for Care Experienced People](#)
- [Housing Issue Paper](#)
- [Tend Our Light- Mental Health Report](#)
- [Believe in Us - Care Experienced Parents Report](#)



## Training and Support



You can read more about our offer of support to Corporate Parents by selecting the image on the left. As well as live training we can provide an e-learning module that would give your entire workforce a basic level of understanding of care experience and Corporate Parenting.

Don't hesitate to contact the Education and Engagement team at:

[corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org](mailto:corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org)

## Advocacy

If someone you know needs an advocate to support them you can make a referral for them on our website. Who Cares? Scotland is a national organisation and one of the things we do is provide independent, relationship based advocacy to Care Experienced children and young people. All young people have rights – Who Cares? Scotland will ensure that they know their rights and help them exercise them. Find out more here:

<https://www.whocaresscotland.org/get-support/advocacy/>



## Lifelong National Advocacy Helpline

Who Cares? Scotland also run an advocacy helpline for Care Experienced people of all ages as well as those who support them – including Corporate Parents! The helpline can be contacted by phone: 0330 107 7540 or email:

[help@whocaresscotland.org](mailto:help@whocaresscotland.org)

A promotional graphic for 'THE HELPLINE'. It features a woman on the left talking on a mobile phone, with a speech bubble containing the text 'Thank you so much for being there when I had no one else to go to.' and the 'WHO CARES? SCOTLAND' logo. On the right, the text reads 'THE HELPLINE 0330 107 7540 For Care Experienced people and those supporting them. We offer connection, a listening ear, lifelong advocacy and support and signposting around the following: Finances, Benefits, Housing, Health, Employment, Education & Rights. MON-FRI 12-4PM help@whocaresscotland.org'.

## Feedback

Thank you again for joining our session, we hope you found it thought provoking and useful. We are funded by the Scottish Government to provide training and support and your feedback helps us report back to the government on the work we are doing. If you could please take a moment to leave feedback on the session by scanning the QR code or selecting the link below we would greatly appreciate it.

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