



Education and Engagement Support for Corporate Parents 2025-2026

An Overview

The **Education and Engagement team** at Who Cares? Scotland is funded by Scottish Government to provide support to Corporate Parents across Scotland. As such, we report to Scottish Government on the Corporate Parents who are engaging well and positive practice we have identified. We are really keen to ensure all Corporate Parents are represented in our reporting, so please connect with us to enable this.

There is no cost to you receiving the support outlined below from the Education and Engagement team, so please use this resource to maximise your impact as a Corporate Parent.

The offer of support includes:

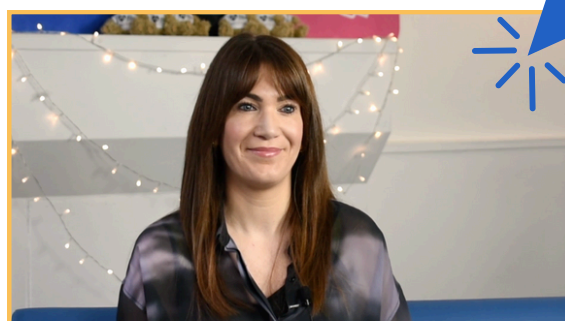
- Live, **bespoke training sessions** to learn about care, Care Experienced people, and Corporate Parenting legislation
- **Support** to create and develop Corporate Parenting Plans
- Digital **learning materials**
- Spaces to work in **collaboration with other Corporate Parents**
- Other **consultative support** to fulfil your duties

This information pack provides additional information on each of these offers and how they can benefit you and your organisation.

Support from the Education and Engagement team

In this video some Corporate Parents talk about the support they have received from The Education and Engagement team at Who Cares? Scotland and how it has benefited them.

Please click the image to [view the video](#).



Live Training Sessions

The Education and Engagement team can deliver **engaging and interactive sessions** to board, senior management, and leadership level within your organisation, including elected members within local authorities. Our sessions aim to support attendees' knowledge and understanding of care experience and Corporate Parenting. Our experienced Education and Engagement Officers will work with you to ensure the session is **tailored to you** and your organisation. The content of the sessions we deliver is **fully-informed by the voice of Care Experienced people** – children, young people and adults who have lived experience of care.

An individual session usually lasts around 3 hours to allow plenty of space for interaction and discussion. It is encouraged that all senior staff and board members participate in learning about Corporate Parenting.

Sessions can be delivered either **in-person or remotely** (e.g. via Microsoft Teams) depending on what suits your organisation best. Last year, **98%** of session attendees were in agreement that bespoke training delivered by the Education and Engagement team was valuable and **99%** agreed that the session had communicated well the concept of Corporate Parenting and their organisation's role as a Corporate Parent.

If you would like to explore options for learning sessions for your organisation, then we will allocate an Education and Engagement Officer to work alongside you to coordinate the input and ensure that it meets the needs of your organisation.

Email us: corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org

'I believe this training should be standard practice within all businesses as it was extremely eye opening and shows that things can be done to support care experienced people.'

Training Participant

'This was an amazing session that raised my understanding and responsibilities in my role as a corporate parent. Well presented in a way that was meaningful, interactive and valuable. Would highly recommend this.'

Training Participant



Collaborative Learning Events 25 - 26

There will be **two collaborative learning sessions** this year — one focused on college, and one focused on university. In these sessions, the Education and Engagement team will **explore key advocacy issues** that the Care Experienced community can face in tertiary education. These sessions will help you to gain a **better understanding** of the barriers Care Experienced students encounter while studying at college and university, and **inspire you** on your journey as a supportive Corporate Parent.

**‘Fantastic presenter - clear, enthusiastic.
Good mix of slides and breakout rooms and
follow on resources. Great networking during
breakouts and sharing experiences. A quick
and well spent 2 hours training.’**

Training Participant

Click the images below to reserve your place:

Wednesday 11th February 2026



Tuesday 24th February 2026



Collaborative Corporate Parenting Network

The **Collaborative Corporate Parenting Network** provides a space for Corporate Parents to connect, share practice and collaborate. Facilitated by the Education and Engagement team, the network is currently comprised of **representatives from 43 Corporate Parenting bodies** (both national and local), and we are always ready to welcome new members to join the network. Meetings are usually held online, with an agenda consisting of updates for the sector, presentations from Corporate Parenting members and CPD opportunities.

If you would like to join the network, please contact:

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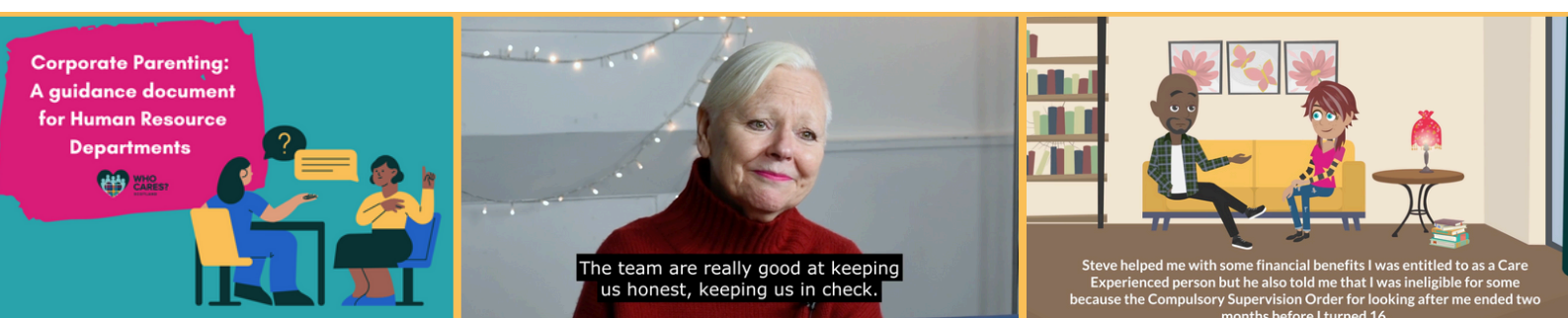
'We have learned from and shared with others in the network. It's been so helpful to get new ideas which have been tested and keeps us thinking of new things to support people.'

Network member

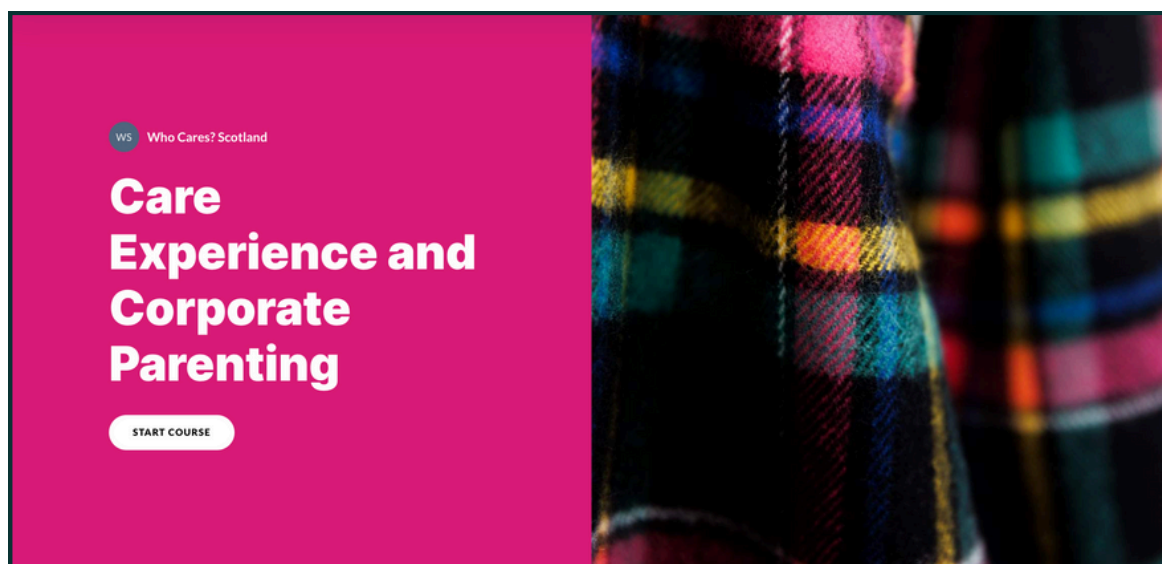


Digital Materials

Beyond the delivery of live sessions, we also develop a range of **digital learning materials** which are available to you on our Resource Library. Examples of materials we have created include guidance documents across a range of relevant themes, engaging and informative videos, case study videos, and a self-assessment tool. These resources are intended to **improve baseline knowledge and understanding** of Corporate Parenting for staff at all levels in your organisation.

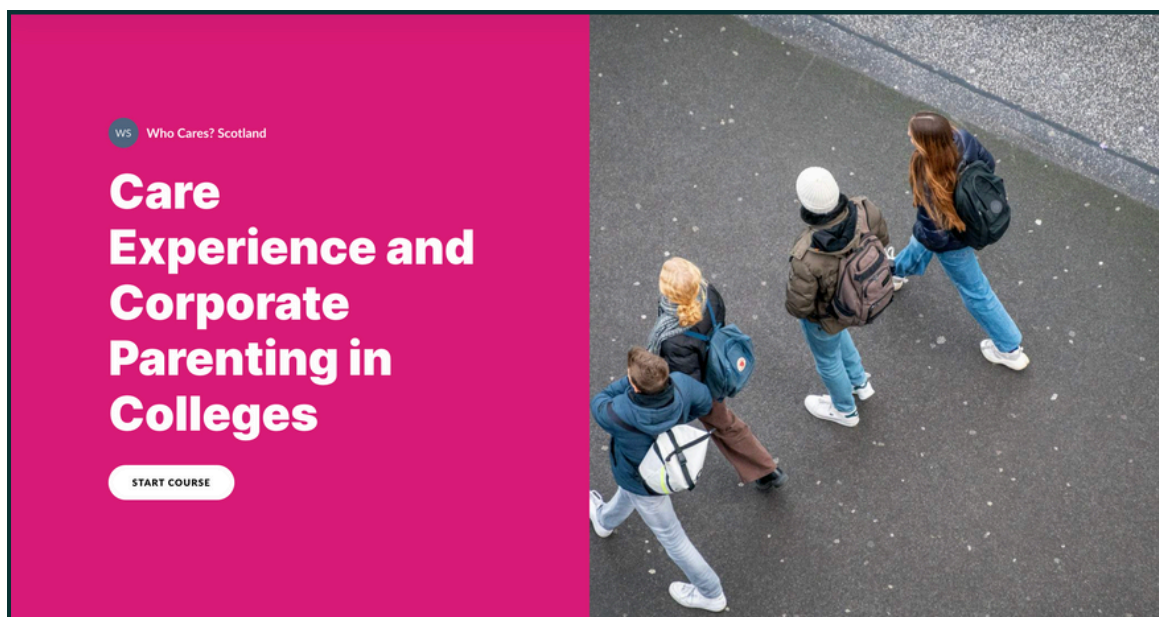


We also have a **high quality, engaging e-learning module** available which you can roll out to all staff within your organisation, regardless of their role. Our module has the voice of Care Experienced people at its core and is continually updated to ensure that it contains the most contemporary evidence and framing. 14 Corporate Parenting organisations have launched the module since it became available in late 2024, with more than 2,500 individuals having completed the module. The **e-learning module is available to you** for hosting on your internal Learning Management System.



Digital Materials cont.

Earlier this year we launched a **college specific** version of the module which is accessible to all staff employed by Scotland's colleges via the [CDNLearn](#) website. We are currently developing a **university specific** module which will be launching soon on The Open University.



'Great amount of information - found the video really helpful in understanding from a child/young person perspective and how being care experienced can impact them.'

NHS Scotland staff

'Useful and beneficial module for everyone to complete.'

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Our Digital Education and Engagement Officer, Jen Flynn, is available to discuss your digital learning needs; support you with hosting our e-learning module and is always open to feedback on which resources you would find useful.

To contact Jen please e-mail - jflynn@whocaresscotland.org

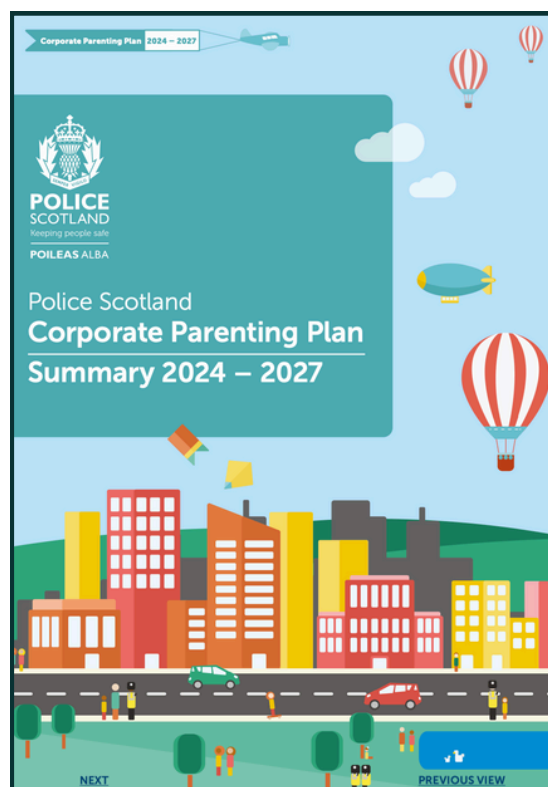


Corporate Parenting Plan Support

Some of you may be getting ready to **update your Corporate Parenting plans**. We can **support you at all stages** of your Corporate Parenting plan journey, including providing you with **feedback on your draft**. We can also advise you on how to incorporate the voices of Care Experienced people into your plan, and ensure that the Care Experienced community are able to meaningfully engage with it.

As well as reviewing draft Corporate Parenting plans, we can review the reports you submit to Scottish Government, offering recommendations on areas for improvement, and strengths that can be built on. We can also share examples of promising practice being carried out by other Corporate Parents, intended to inspire and promote collaboration.

If you would like to discuss the consultation support on offer, please email: corporateparenting@whocaresscotland.org



Self-Assessment Tool

We recently developed an **interactive self-assessment** tool to help you gauge where you are in your Corporate Parenting journey. It will allow you to determine what areas of your work need further development and support.

Please click on the image to access the tool.



For more information on any aspect of our offer, or to express your interest in working with us, please get in touch.



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