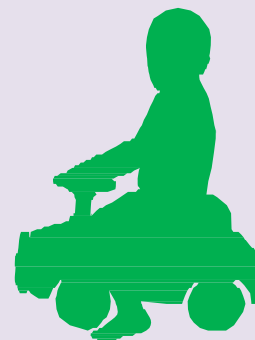


THE BRENT PLEDGE

The Brent Pledge is a list of promises to children and young people in our care. These are things that we will do so that you have the best support and help possible.



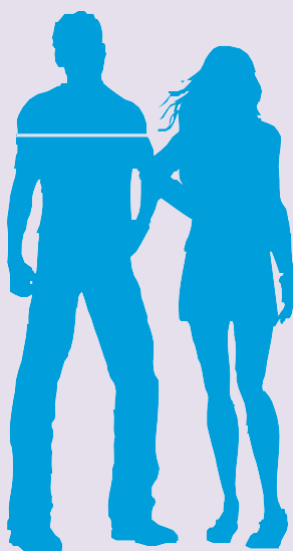
We promise

To respect and honour your identity

- ✓ We will respect your **personal beliefs, values, culture and heritage**.
- ✓ We will support **who you are and what you want to be**.
- ✓ We will provide you with **information about your background** that is appropriate for your age.
- ✓ We will **support and encourage relationships** between you and **members of your family**.

To involve you in the decisions about your life

- ✓ We will **actively listen** to your **views and opinions** and act on your behalf.
- ✓ We will **explain our decisions** and make sure that you fully understand what has been decided.
- ✓ We will **involve you** in planning the services that you receive.



To provide stability for you

- ✓ You will have your **social worker's telephone number** and know where they work so you can speak to them when you need to.
- ✓ If your social worker leaves you will be told when and know details of your **new social worker** and their manager.

- ✓ We will do our best to make sure you **don't have too many changes of social workers** and move too many times.
- ✓ Your **Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO)** will **listen** to you and make sure your views are heard.

To support you

- ✓ We will help you to **manage challenging relationships**.
- ✓ You can tell us **how you feel** and we will help you choose what **you want in your life**.
- ✓ We will support you to become the person **you want to be**.
- ✓ We will make sure you get to **meet other children in care** where you live and in other places so you can **help each other** and talk about the things you like and don't like.
- ✓ Your **social worker** will come and see you and **you can talk to them on your own** every time they come.
- ✓ When we come to see you we will make sure you can be there and that you **are not in school**
- ✓ We will tell you and other people when you have **done something really well**.
- ✓ We will ensure that you have access to an **independent person** (an advocate) upon request.
- ✓ We will remember your **birthday** and other **important days**.



To provide you with a safe, stable and happy place to live

- ✓ We will ensure that your **carer** knows enough about you to be able to **support** you.
- ✓ We will support your carer to **understand you** and the things that you are going through.
- ✓ We will provide you with a **safe place** that you can call **home**.
- ✓ We will do everything possible so that you can **meet your new carer before you move**.



To support you to be active and stay healthy

- ✓ We will provide you with opportunities to take part in **fun activities** such as **sports**, **access to the outdoors**, and other activities you are interested in.
- ✓ We will support your **physical** and **mental health** and encourage you to make **healthy and positive choices** for your life.
- ✓ We will make sure that your carer takes you to see your **doctor**, **dentist** and other healthcare professionals when you need to visit them.
- ✓ We will provide you with information and advice about **healthy eating**, **exercise**, **smoking**, **drugs** and **sexual health**.

To share your views, contact **Brent Care Journeys Empire: participation@brent.gov.uk**

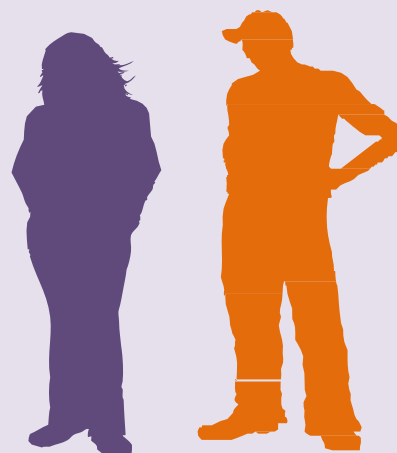
To access help, contact your **social worker**:

Work with you to achieve your goals and targets in education

- ✓ We will **value** your **strengths**, **gifts**, **talents** and encourage you to have **high ambitions**.
- ✓ We will support you to **learn**, help you to **achieve your very best at school** and support you when you are **making decisions about your future**.
- ✓ We will ensure that you have the things you need for your education, including **access to a laptop**.
- ✓ If needed, we will find an **advisor**, **life coach** or **mentor** to support you.

Preparing you for independence

- ✓ We will work to ensure that you are ready for **independent living**, including how to **manage money** and **how to cook**.
- ✓ We will work with you on your **Pathway Plan** at the age of **16** so that you are clear about what will happen next and what support you will receive.



- ✓ We will provide you with **information** about what you are **entitled to** and how to **access your entitlements**.
- ✓ We will consider **your wishes** to stay living with your **foster carer** after the age of **18**.

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Chair, Corporate Parenting Committee



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