

Briefing Paper to Children, Young People, Families and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Commission

Wards:

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Peer Review Summary – Hull Leaving Care Service

Briefing Paper of the of Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Family Services

1. Purpose of the Paper and Summary

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to update the panel on the recent Peer Review for Leaving Care services.

2. Background

2.1 Peer Review Dates: 20–21 November 2025

Hull's Leaving Care Service took part in a two-day peer review on 20–21 November 2025, looking at how well care-experienced young people are supported as they move into adulthood. The review was led by the Assistant Director from Sheffield, supported by senior managers from North Yorkshire and Kirklees, and was carried out in an open and constructive way, reflecting a strong culture of learning across the service.

3. What the Review told us

3.1 Overall, the review team were clear that Hull's Leaving Care Service is a strong service with a clear sense of purpose. There is a genuine commitment across the council to being good corporate parents, and this is reflected in how young people are supported and advocated for.

4. What is going Well

4.1 *A strong corporate parenting approach:* The Local Offer for care leavers is a real strength. It shows ambition for young people and a clear intention to support them to live independent and fulfilling lives.

4.2 *Committed leadership:* Leaders understand their service well and are clear about where they want to take it next. There is good oversight of performance, with a focus on learning rather than blame.

4.3 *Skilled and caring staff:* Personal Advisors were consistently described as stable, trusted adults in young people's lives. They work in a trauma-informed way and are willing to challenge and escalate when young people need extra help.

4.4 *Good partnership working:* The service works well with other council teams and partner organisations, particularly around accommodation, education, employment and wellbeing. This helps young people avoid falling through gaps.

4.5 *Listening to young people:* Young people's voices are being taken seriously and are influencing how services are shaped, which is an important strength.

5. What we will keep working on

5.1 As with any service, there are areas to keep strengthening. The review highlighted the need to continue improving consistency in Pathway Planning, recording and oversight. These are practical improvements that leaders are already aware of and are addressing.

6. Next steps

6.1 The peer review confirms that Hull's Leaving Care Service is on a positive path, with strong foundations in place. The service is well led, staffed by committed people, and focused on doing the right thing for care-experienced young people. The priority now is to build on what is already working well and keep raising standards so that young people leaving care in Hull get the best possible support.

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