



Hampshire
County Council

Care Ambassadors

- Are young people aged 16+ who are in or have been in Hampshire's care system.
- There are currently thirteen aged 17-23
- Their role covers three main areas:
 - Strategic
 - Service Delivery
 - Mentoring

The Pledge

- Every local authority is expected to have a pledge for its children and young people in care
- The pledge should cover the services and support children in care and care leavers should expect to receive.



Your Health

- Help you to access health services e.g. doctors, dentists, counselling etc.
- Support you in being healthy, both physically and mentally
- Support you in identifying and taking part in positive activities, interests and hobbies.



Your Education

- Not make you feel 'different' at school, e.g. not take you out of a class for a meeting and pay for you to go on trips etc.
- Support you in accessing academic and non-academic opportunities, not just school or college e.g. apprenticeships, NVQs, other qualifications and job opportunities
- Involve you in decisions made about your education and, when additional help is needed, why this is necessary
- Involve you in decisions around your individual budget
- Support you to access the college/university of your choice, should this be something you wish to do.

Your Placement

- Where possible, try to find you a placement with your siblings
- Support you in transitions from placement to placement
- Make better long term plans for you, not just 'quick fixes'
- Find you a foster carer who suits you and meets your needs
- Involve you in your placement planning
- Keep you informed, where appropriate, about contact arrangements and how and when this can happen.

Your Voice

- Be contactable through a variety of ways and get back to you within 24 hours
- Make time for you to talk 1-2-1 with us on your own
- Be open and honest about your care and support you when changes are made
- Encourage your participation in your Care Plan and other plans related to your care
- Listen to your complaints and act on them as soon as is possible
- Make information available to you, so you know your entitlements and rights.

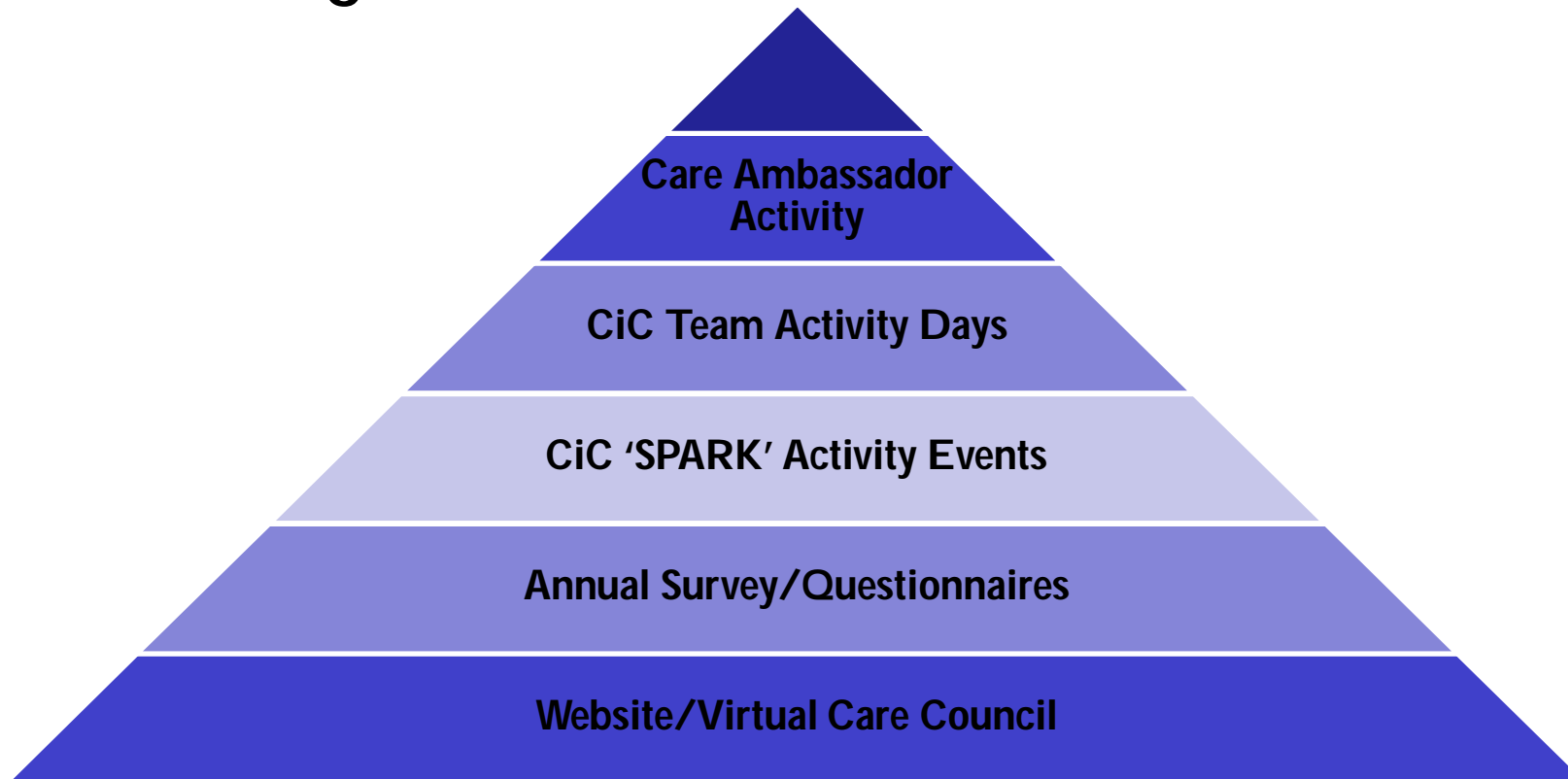
Leaving Care

- Provide you with support, if you feel you need it
- Not 'kick you out' on your 18th birthday
- Provide and support you in building the skills to live on your own
- Help you find somewhere to live and make sure you have everything you need
- Give you information about your entitlements and support you in accessing them.

Your Future

- Help you plan for your future, as a good parent should
- Support and help you build the life skills needed in becoming an adult
- Not judge you based on how you have acted in the past, but who you are now
- Encourage you to be the very best you can be
- Support and help you in achieving your goals
- Always be there to support you, even when you make mistakes.

How do we know we are achieving our targets?





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The upcoming children in care/care leaver website:

- Up to date information
- Awareness of entitlements
- Opportunity to access support via another gateway
- Virtual care council
- On the right track for better access for our young people placed out of county, with disabilities and for the under 11's
- Opportunity to showcase Hampshire's achievements and good practice

Questions



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