



Practical support & opportunities

North Tyneside

**PAs gathering young
people's priorities**

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North Tyneside wanted to identify priority areas to focus on in their New Belongings action plan from the widest possible range of care leavers.

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Practice
example

Why?

North Tyneside wanted to identify priority areas to focus on in their New Belongings action plan. Covid had made it difficult to bring together care leavers for workshops and discussion and these groups tended to have a more narrow range of young people engaged.

What?

- 46% of care leavers had completed the Your Life Beyond care survey exploring what life was like for care leavers.
- A video of key findings from the survey was emailed to all care leavers and posted on social media.
- Workers were asked to discuss the video with 4 or 5 young people and ask them 'What does North Tyneside need to change?'

Priority 1: Accommodation

Specifically young people would like changes to the following;

Resolving Issues with shared accommodation quickly.

Internet access.

Suitability of accommodation

Knowing their options and why they have been allocated particular accommodation



"I live in shared accommodation. When people in the other flats make noise and break the rules, it's stressful but they get to stay"

"I didn't know what choices I have, some people get their flat straight away but I'm stuck in temporary"

Impact:

- Workers spoke with a range of young people with different experiences—not just the more engaged young people.
- Care leavers' views were collected and set the priorities for the action plan to improve services for care leavers.