



Manchester Corporate Family Cooperative on a page

Our Manchester – building a safe, happy, healthy and successful future for children and young people

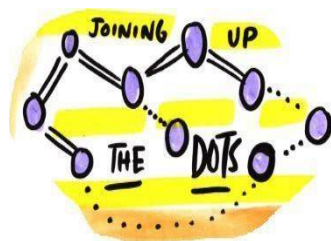
WHY? We all have a unique responsibility to the children we care for and care leavers to make sure they thrive in our care to be **Happy, Healthy, Safe and Successful**.

Our children have the right to expect everything from a corporate family that would be expected from a responsible and good family.

Manchester Corporate Family Cooperative is co-delivered with young people who are our Care Consultants to make sure we know what Manchester's practice and systems for children in care and care leavers is like and how we need to make it even better.

WHAT? Our Cared for Children and young people in Manchester have set out **12 expectations** they have of us and will hold us to account for:

- Respect and promote my rights.
- Do nothing about me without me, and explain why so I understand.
- Know the people that are important to me and make sure they stay in my life and those relationships get better.
- Make sure I live in a safe place and I have choice when I'm older.
- Know my culture and identity, what it means and celebrate and promote it with me.
- Make sure I have the skills and support to be part of my community.
- Be there if I need you.
- Keep me healthy and teach me what the healthy choices are.
- Believe in me, skill me up to cope with challenges and make sure I know where help is.
- Know what I am good at, celebrate what I achieve, help me learn when things could go even better and how I can do that.
- Make sure I have the technology I need and teach me to use it safely.
- Give me chances to try new things and do the things I like doing.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



WHEN? The Corporate Family Cooperative meets every 3 months (January, April, July and October). We focus on one of the outcomes (**Happy, Healthy, Safe, Successful**) each meeting to understand what children are telling us it is like for them and seeing if the things we are doing to make it even better are working.

The Corporate Family Strategic Partnership Group meets in-between the Cooperative, to make sure we are all working together to improve what we do with our cared for children and care leavers and takes away anything that stops us doing this.

HOW – WHAT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY?

If you are a cared for child or care leaver: you have a right to expect the 12 points above from every professional that you see, social workers, teachers, police, doctors, foster carers, landlords to name a few. If you want to get involved in making things even better in Manchester then become a Care Consultant, the information on what that is and how to do it is here: [\(add link\)](#).

If you are a professional or volunteer connected with a cared for child or care leaver: you have a responsibility to make sure that everything you do meets the 12 expectations above and to evidence you have done this and know what positive difference you have made. If you want to get involved with the work of the Corporate Family Cooperative to make things even better, we would love to make use of your talent, knowledge and energy. You can find out more about how to do that here: [\(add link\)](#)

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