



Alert!

Staff should be **alert** to flashpoints that might affect the well-being of Care Experienced people by engaging in regular dialogue about issues that might have a negative impact on both individuals and Care Experienced people as a whole, such as moving placement or residence, changes to benefit rules or a service being withdrawn.



Opportunity

Organisations should provide a wide range of high-quality **opportunities** which improve (rather than just safeguard) the well-being of Care Experienced people, and help them become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens, and effective contributors to their communities.



Promote

Corporate Parents have a legal duty to **promote** the interests of Care Experienced people. This means taking action that will pursue advantages or benefits for an individual, or the population as a whole, whether through advocacy, by widening access to education or employment opportunities, tackling discrimination or upholding rights.



Improve

Staff should look for ways to **improve** how they fulfil their duties. At a strategic level, this means drafting a Corporate Parenting Plan. Plans must be regularly reviewed and progress reported to the Scottish Ministers.

Access

All staff should ensure that children and young people can meaningfully **access** the opportunities they make available and the services and support they provide.



6 WAYS TO SUPPORT CARE-EXPERIENCED STUDENTS



Assess

Organisations should assess the needs of Care Experienced people in line with the services they provide. This can include their individual needs and their collective needs.

