Pathways to success for looked after at home young people

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Welcome

• Early findings: National Through Care & After Care Survey
• Barnardo's - Barnardo’s 16 + at Home
• LAHYP - Young Peoples Experiences DVD
• Support Services for LAHYP
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• From issues to outcomes
• Q & A
Support for looked after at home care leavers (in Scotland)

• Engagement
  Care Leavers LAH often choose not to engage with TCAC services.

• Service Provision
  – Lack of capacity to provide a full service to all.
  – “We do not make any differentiation between those who were
    looked after away from home and those looked after at home.”
  – Provided on basis of assessed need/vulnerability/at risk of
    homelessness.
  – Case by case basis, rather than automatic.

• “...duties to care leavers who were LAAC are greater and take most of
  the team’s time. However this does not mean that those LAH have
  lesser needs – often they have greater needs.”
Barnardo’s 16+
Edinburgh

- Work with 15-21 year olds who have been looked after and/or accommodated
- Throughcare and Aftercare Service
- Referral Routes - Allocation
- Pathway Co-ordination
- Emotional and Practical Support
- Accommodation
- Lothian Supported Carers Scheme
Barnardo’s 16+ at Home Edinburgh

• Funded through STV/Hunter Foundation
• Staff team of 3
• Community Asset based approach
• Partnership working
• Advocacy and signposting
• Active local community participation

DVD - Coming into care – Social Work Supports
16 + at Home Service

- 21 months
- Development

Total number of Young People = 65
From issues to outcomes

Engagement
“Most young people don’t like having support workers, but if you give it a try it is good.”

Motivation
“I wouldn’t have been as motivated and enthusiastic about getting jobs...”

Housing and benefits
“I wasn’t really going anywhere, but as soon as I opened up to the support, I got a house, got everything sorted...”

Emotional support – a mentor who cares
“Someone being there for me”
“...somebody to talk some sense into me”

• Ups and Downs
• The Future
Questions and Answers

Thank You