

Argyll and Bute Council ~ Continuing Care Service

Aims and Objectives

Statement of Purpose

Argyll and Bute Council's Continuing Care Service is managed by the Family Placement and the Throughcare and Aftercare Teams as part of the council's social work service for young adults who have been care experienced (looked after away from birth parents). The Continuing Care Service exists to assess and support kinship carers and foster carers who are motivated to continue looking after a young person who is in their care and has reached their eighteenth birthday. The Service is for those eligible care experienced young adults who have expressed a wish to remain living in their current home with their Carers.

The Continuing Care Service is focused on providing young care experienced adults with continuity and stability of their family living environment and opportunities to flourish and grow as young adults entering further or higher education, apprenticeships or the work place.

The Continuing Care Service is committed to continuous improvement and best practice, in order to promote the most positive outcomes for care experienced young adults.

Aims of the Continuing Care Service

- To provide a service to Carers who become Continuing Care Providers and young adult care experienced people that complies with legislative requirements including the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act, 2014 and the UNCRC (Implementation) Scotland Act, 2024.

- To ensure the service complies with the Health and Social Care Standards.
- Provide care experienced young adults with stability in a nurturing home environment.
- Enable the young care experienced adult to benefit from continuing to reside with people with whom they have formed a positive emotional relationship.
- Ensure care experienced young adults in continuing care receive the support they require as they transition towards independence and reach their unique potential.
- To involve the young person in all discussions and decisions that affect them and ensure they are listened to and their wishes respected.

Objectives of the Continuing Care Service

- To ensure that the service provided to young care experienced adults and their Carers meets the legislative requirements and the Health and Social Care Standards.
- To ensure preparation, training and assessment of those Carers who become Continuing Care Providers is trauma-informed to develop their abilities leading to the best possible outcomes for care experienced young adults.
- Provision of quality support for young care experienced adults and their Carers to ensure both achieve a sense of wellbeing and have a sense of purpose.
- To consult on the quality of the service and use feedback to inform development.
- To promote the participation of care experienced young adults and Carers in service development.