

# YOUR CARE LEAVING MENTOR

A GUIDE FOR CARE LEAVERS







# **HOW WE HELP**

Need extra advice and help during your transition out of care?

Need extra help with finding work or just want someone to talk to about what options may be out there?

"I need intensive support during my transition and would like regular visits or phone calls with someone."



"It would be just nice to have someone to talk to and spend time with and to get out of the house." A volunteer Mentor can lend a listening ear, and try to help you with some of the challenges of leaving care.

A volunteer Mentor can sit with you and help you create and develop your CV. They can help you think of ways of gaining relevant experience.

It would be an agreed arrangement of how often you would see and speak to your Mentor.

A Mentor is someone to spend time with and talk to.

### A MENTOR CAN...



Be a positive role model

 Support you during your transition leaving care
 Listen to you and help advocate for you during meetings

Help you build and develop skills needed to living

independently i.e. cooking

Help you to research and consider future career prospects Improve your confidence

Be an independent source of support from the care system

#### **HOW & WHY?**



 Volunteer Mentors will visit you at a frequency that works for you

Meet in the community or at your home

 They will stay with you for around 6 months or until you feel ready

 They are there to talk to, spend time with you and help with essentials skills for living independently

 They will help you to help yourself with your emotional wellbeing awareness and needs

Help you with meetings

You can design how it works so it works for you

# **WHERE**













## **YOU DECIDE**



You can contact us directly or ask your Personal Advisor or Social Worker to contact us on your behalf.

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