

**The Youth Homelessness Prevention Pathway for Care Leavers is going to help local authorities, social workers and anyone else involved in the lives of care leavers, to prevent young people leaving care from becoming homeless**

**Relationships are at the heart of everything we wish to achieve for care leavers in Scotland**



**Care leavers should have the same opportunities as all other young people in Scotland**

**When talking about young people and care leavers, it's important to know your rights, especially in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 and in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**

# A Way Home Scotland, together with the Scottish Government and other organisations came up with 8 recommendations:

**#1** Ask all local authorities in Scotland to report on the current services available to care leavers and how these can be improved.

**#3** All corporate parents will need to regularly say what their plans are to improve services for young people who are leaving care.

**#5** Scottish Government, Care Inspectorate and other groups will agree on a new way to measure the success of care services in Scotland.

**#6** Corporate parents should know the views of care leavers to help them understand their aftercare duties, up to age 26 and beyond.

**#2** Change the current rules about leaving care, so that young people can stay in care until at least 21.

**#4** Between 2021/24, all corporate parents will need to specifically say how they plan to help support care leavers until they are 26 years old.

**#7** Care leavers should not need to wait as long to receive benefits and have consistent relationships within the Job Centre.

**#8** Make sure care leavers know what benefits & support is available to them.