

Care Leaving in London

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‘The disadvantage faced by our care experienced community should be the civil rights issue of our time. Children in care are powerless, they are often invisible to society and face some of the greatest inequalities that exist in England today... ‘

(Independent Review of Social Care 2022)

The backstory to the regional work

- 2021 DfE recovery funding to develop a Pan London Care Leavers Compact
- Increase consistency, breadth and quality in the support offered to London's Care Leavers
- Delivered by LIIA and Partnership for Young London
- Governance through a Care Leavers Trust Board bringing together statutory and wider partners. Works to 'community parenting' principles.
- The London Children in Care Council co-lead every aspect of the work

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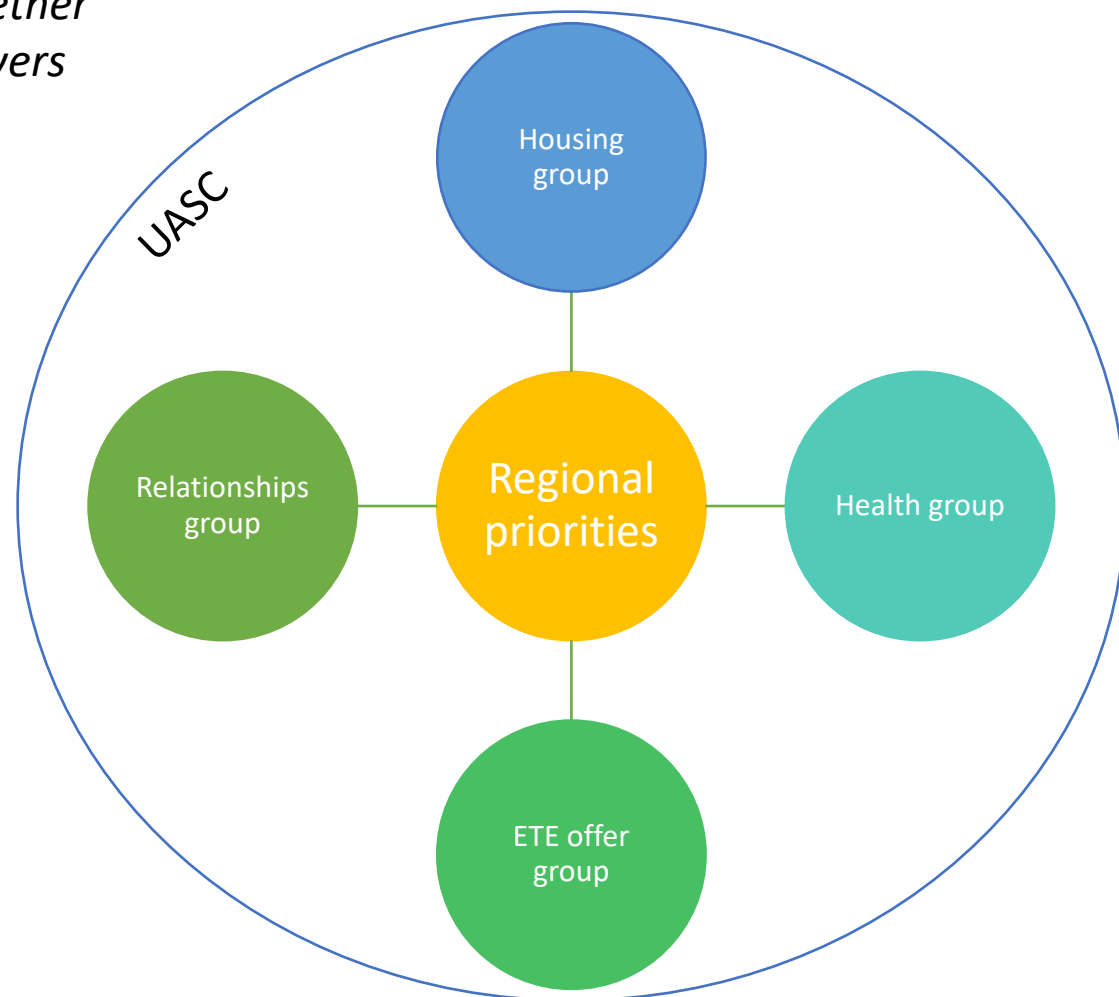

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Pan-London Care Leavers Compact

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Pan London Compact - Progress to date



- **Free Prescriptions** – Funding agreed by all five ICS areas, delivery in two with remaining three imminent
- **TfL** – Half price travel on buses and trams for circa 16k Care Leavers
- **LA** – Housing commitments on Council Tax, IH, Priority Need, Rent Deposit, Joint Housing / CS protocols
- **LA** – Membership of the Care Leavers Covenant and Whole Council Approaches
- Launch in March '24

Momentum and wider ambition



- More can be done beyond a common offer
- Momentum from the Trust Board partnership, SHBOL, Ofsted ILACS, and increased business sector awareness
- 7 London LA's adopt Protected Characteristic positions
- ALDCS adopts Care Leaving as its 5th Strategic Priority in May '23
- Design of a more ambitious regional programme to meet Care Leaver needs starts
- DfE Wave 3 Improvement Fund application

A wider programme



Will cover 4 thematic areas, with specific consideration of former UASC needs across each:

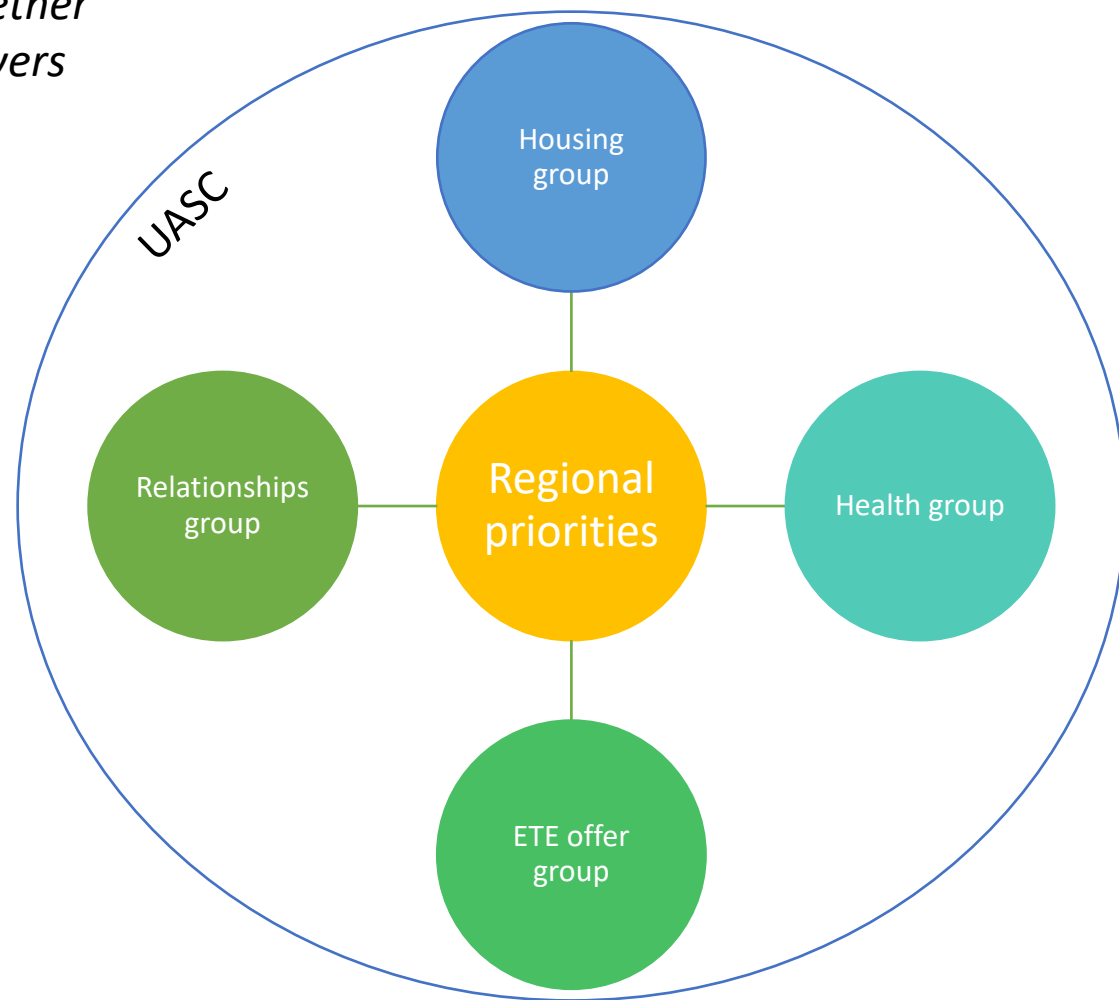
- Health – ICS areas looking at Dentistry and Optometry. Mapping of emotional well-being/MH support is complete.
- ETE – Three strands – the LA role, HE/FE, and links with employers
- Relationships - Building on SHBOL developments (Lifelong links etc..), Mayor's New Deal
- Housing – Working effectively across LA's and Housing Associations

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