

I am delighted to welcome you to the 'iCare' website for children in care and care leavers which has been developed to provide you with important information about what being looked after by Brent Council means.

As Strategic Director for Children and Young People, I am responsible for all services that deal with children, young people and their families and a key part of my role is to improve outcomes for all Brent's children, particularly looked after children and young people.

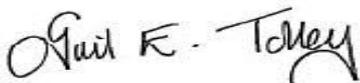
I am committed to ensuring that every looked after child, like you, has the best possible start in life, is given help to achieve your potential and experiences safe and positive parenting. Our looked after children come to us for all sorts of reasons and at every age, infant to teenagers, and we want the same outcomes that every good parent would want for their own child. This covers your education, health, what you do in your leisure time, celebrating your achievements and providing appropriate support and advice to prepare you for when you leave care.



The information in this website has been put together after talking with our Children in Care Council (Care in Action) who used their experience to advise us what would most help children and young people coming into care. It includes the Brent Pledge – a promise given by Brent Council about the quality of care that any child or young person can expect if they become looked after – as well as the animated 'We Care' DVD and guide designed by our looked after children and young people.

I look forward to meeting you at one of our Care in Action meetings or celebration events.

Best wishes



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