

HUB for SUCCESS

Support for University and College for  
*Care Experienced* in South-East Scotland

# The Need



“A teacher found out I was in care and as a result she constantly questioned me about cheating on essays and then had an invigilator stand over me for most of my Higher exam. Now I’m doing a PHD but her prejudice could easily have put me off my education.”

- Jenny Wartnaby, 25

7% of care experienced people go from high school to university, compared to 39% of other children.



[listen] [act] [unite]

[www.whocarescotland.org](http://www.whocarescotland.org)  

Almost three quarters (73%) of secondary school-aged care-experienced pupils leave school at the earliest opportunity at sixteen years of age, compared to 27% of their non-care experienced peers (The Scottish Government, 2017).

“When looked after children and young people talk about what makes a difference for them it is people, not systems, they talk about: a foster carer who made them feel safe and loved; a social worker who listened; an advocate or mentor who valued them for who they were. We want every looked after child to have these kinds of relationships.” Getting It Right For Every Child (The Scottish Government, 2012)

# Strategic Alignment and Ambition

- The HUB supports the Scottish Government's ambition to ensure that

“Every care-experienced young person who meets the entry requirements should be offered a place at a Scottish university and we expect universities to make clear how they will meet this commitment in the coming year”

through further and higher education institutions in Edinburgh and surrounding areas working in partnership to support people from care experiences backgrounds in applying to college and university and providing on-going support once they have joined and after graduation.

- In addition institutions will work in partnership through the HUB to raise aspirations amongst young people in care and adults who have experience of care.

# The HUB will

- raise aspirations among care-experienced to pursue post-school educational opportunities
- widen access to college and university for care-experienced
- support care-experienced individuals into, through and out of college and university
- work with other corporate parents and statutory service providers to support individuals into other post-care positive destinations

## Through focusing on

- early years interventions for school pupils from primary 6 upwards,
- secondary school pupils, and
- care experienced individuals who left school with insufficient qualifications to access higher education, but are now ready to restart that journey.

# Key Partners

- City of Edinburgh Council
- Edinburgh Napier University
- University of Edinburgh
- Heriot Watt University
- Queen Margaret University
- The Open University Scotland
- Newbattle Abbey College
- Edinburgh College

# Services

- Outreach and early intervention
- Drop-in Centre
- Pre-entry Support
- Post-entry Support
- Support Upon Completion
- Training Provider
- Online resources