

Our Children Previously in Care and Children in Kinship Care Arrangements offer

Universal

Our universal offer is designed to empower key stakeholders to act in the best interests of the child or young person, to promote successful and positive educational outcomes, to help remove identified barriers and to create a culture of high aspiration and ambition.

- Our first port of call is our [website](#). This enables access to a diverse and purposeful range of information and advice.
- Peterborough Virtual School's training offer is available to all stakeholders and is designed to aid further development of knowledge to support potential barriers related to the educational needs of children who have a SGO, CAO, AO or are in a formal kinship care arrangement (Please refer to our website for our latest training opportunities).
- We hold termly Designated Teacher/Person network meetings and Designated Teacher/Person roles and responsibilities training.
- We hold termly network coffee mornings for parents/carers.
- All educational settings and MATs are offered at least one advisory meetings with a member of our Partnership and Outcomes team each academic year.
- Common themes/questions are monitored and supporting documentation will be produced.

Targeted

Our targeted offer is available once the stakeholder has accessed our universal offer. This level of support is personalised to support the individual child or setting.

- Advice surgery: This is a targeted session with an allocated Virtual School Education Advisor or Officer to provide individual advice, information and guidance. This can be accessed through an online Request for Involvement referral form that is available via our website.
- Targeted training events regarding educational themes for Adoptive parents, Special Guardians, Kinship carers, educational settings/staff, Social Workers and wider supporting professionals are also offered on both a planned and reactive basis.
- Targeted support is offered to stakeholders to support stabilising education when there is risk of placement breakdown.
- Agreed project work with key stakeholders is planned and supported.

Bespoke

Our bespoke offer is offered in exceptional circumstances and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

It is likely that our support will be part of a team of professionals around the child, alongside the parent/carer.

The DfE term 'Child Previously in Care' applies to those children who had the status of being 'in care' of a Local Authority in England and Wales but who have now left care through:

- An Adoption Order (AO) (including those adopted from 'state care' outside of England and Wales)
- A Special Guardianship Order (SGO) (also see note below*)
- A Child Arrangements Order (CAO)



We are also able to provide advice, information and support for children who are in a formal kinship care arrangement. These are kinship families with a SGO or CAO, regardless of whether the child has previously been in care. Our 'targeted' and 'bespoke' offer does not extend to those children in an informal Kinship care arrangement.

*Please note, to be considered previously in care, a child must have been in the care of a Local Authority immediately before the SGO was granted.

[Championing kinship care: the national kinship care strategy. \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[Promoting the education of looked-after children and previously looked-after children. \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)