



July 2026 Newsletter



What's Going On in July!

1st OVOS Play & Stay
11am – 1pm Elmwood

2nd Drop In
12pm – 3pm Chelmunds Place

6th OVOS Separated Young People
5pm – 7pm Chelmunds Place

7th Emotional Well Being / Mental Health
10 – 3 Chelmunds

9th Drop In
12pm – 3pm Chelmunds Place

10th Celebrate opening of Malvern Park OVOS
12pm – 2pm

15th Art Workshop
2pm – 4pm Chelmunds Place

16th Drop In & Employment Support
12pm – 3pm Chelmunds Place

22nd Tell your Story through Art OVOS
10am – 1pm Chelmunds

23rd Drop In
12pm – 3pm Chelmunds Place

24th Summer BBQ
12pm – 4pm Hatchford Brook

29th Finance Drop In
2pm – 4pm Chelmunds Place

29th OVOS 16+ Group
4:30 – 6:30 Elmwood

30th Drop In & Employment Support
12pm – 3pm Chelmunds Place



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Welcome to OVOS (Our Voice, Our Services) Solihull's Children in Care Council

All children and young people who are care experienced or looked after by Solihull are part of the OVOS community.

Children and young people of all ages, backgrounds and experiences are welcome at OVOS and we can't wait to hear what you have to say.

OVOS is waiting for you whenever you are ready to join us.

OVOS groups meet monthly and talk about subjects important to you, we also have fun and games and eat food. OVOS group meetings are a great opportunity for you to meet other young people going through similar experiences to you. It is a great space to seek support from your peers and share your views to help make improvements to the service.

- 10-16 meeting (Colebrooke) First Wednesday of each month.
- 16+ Care Experienced (Elmwood family hub) Last Wednesday of each month.
- Separated young people First Monday of each month
- Young Parents group First Wednesday of each month (Elmwood family hub)
- Under 10s (School holidays)



24th June we celebrated
Pride Month thank you to
everyone that contributed
and attended.



Care Experience as a Protected Characteristic in Solihull

Solihull Council officially treats care experience as a local protected characteristic. This means people who are in care or have left care are given the same legal protections against discrimination as groups like age or race. The council considers this in all its policies and decisions.

What This Means For You

- No Unfair Treatment: Businesses and services must not treat you poorly just because you grew up in care.
- Corporate Parenting: The council acts as your "corporate parent." They look out for your health, housing, and success.

Opportunity for anyone who is interested in taking part to help develop a PA Programme with **Become** – you will get training and a qualification to help deliver the programme – Speak to your PA for more details.

Scan the QR code to book your 60min slot with the Public Health Nurses for 7th July 10am – 3pm mental health support.



Summer BBQ

★ CELEBRATING SUCCESS ★



ADDRESS

Hatchbrook Family Hub,
Old Lode Ln, Solihull B92 8JE

Everyone
Welcome!



DATE

24/07/2026



TIME

12pm - 4pm



PRIZES



GAMES



FOOD / DRINKS
PROVIDED
(Halal)



HALAL



To let us know you're coming (and if you would like to bring a plus one, or your children), please speak to your **Personal Advisor**.

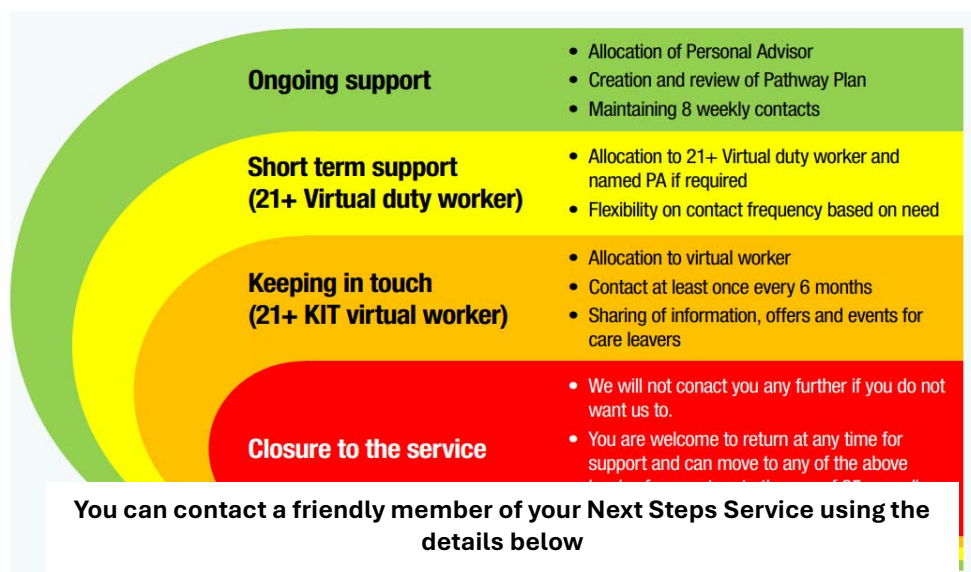


When you reach the age of 21 years old you have options about the support you receive from the Next Steps Service.

We want to support you in the best way we can and in the best way for you, some young people wish to stop working with the service, others wish to keep in touch with us and some need ongoing support... The choice is yours!

In Solihull we have developed a tiered approach to the support we give to young people once they reach 21 years of age.

We want you to know that whatever tier of support your receiving from us you can always contact us, and we will always try to help you in the best way we can.



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