

Vale of Glamorgan Council's responses to Welsh Government:

'Leaving Care'

1. How have you adapted your working practices so that you can keep contact with the young people in your care?

Yes, all options for maintaining contact are being utilised. This includes telephone, video calling via WhatsApp and face to face visits where the need to do so is identified and then in accordance with up to date health advice.

2. Have you reached out to young people who may have disengaged with your PA service in the past?

Yes.

3. What decisions have been made for those on the cusp of formally leaving care?

All situations have been assessed and contact arrangements are in place for all.

4. How are you helping young people to comply with the social distancing rules?

Multi agency liaison and the provision of clear advice, including physical attendance at shared houses where we are aware of social events taking place.

5. What other kinds of support have you been required to put in place because of coronavirus? E.g food parcels; supplementing income etc

We ensured we were well equipped with essential food items before the pandemic escalated to enable us to provide food parcels to our vulnerable young people and also to ensure we had contingency arrangements for the provision of regular and emergency payments.

6. Have there been any placement breakdowns or accommodation related issues specifically because of coronavirus? If so, how have you dealt with those situations?

We have not yet had this situation specifically related to coronavirus but we have had situations where placement/accommodation settings are fragile/have broken down and the planning in those circumstances is complicated by coronavirus; availability of alternatives, the need to be increasingly creative with sourcing/supporting

arrangements we wouldn't normally endorse e.g. emergency PWP arrangements for young people to stay with birth families.

7. Are there any other coronavirus related issues you have encountered that would be useful to share with us?

This is continually evolving.