



Does the service provided as the 'Corporate Parents' kill the futures of those we seek to protect?



In 2016

69,540 looked after children in England
15,404 Looked after Children in Scotland
84,944 young people in need of support

TIME FOR SOCIAL CARE TO GROW.

Does the service provided as the 'Corporate Parent' exceed the minimum requirement to avoid state intervention?

It is a sad indictment, that over a third of prisoners under 21's, have been subject to the UK care system and with ever increasing workloads, the outlook for the current 85,000 young people connected with the 'care' system looks as bleak as ever. For decades, it has been acknowledged that when anyone enters the care system, social, emotional & mental health are the most common primary needs, yet the outcomes for these people have remained largely unchanged, despite numerous inquiries, and the best efforts of professionals that are totally overwhelmed by a system that is broken.

It is understood that any intervention in a child's life has an impact. For too many young people the vast complexities of their experiences make it difficult for service providers to do more than play 'catch up'. By understanding the simple fact that, the young people will, through no fault of their own, have some key building blocks in their emotional, psychological, and social make up either missing or greatly reduced. Which means, if by the age of 14 these building blocks, cannot be replaced, or at least developed, the young person is unlikely to be able to build effective relationships until they are in their early 20's, if ever.

We believe that a positive intervention of soft skills, core understanding and increased confidence in a young person's potential, at this vital time in a young person's life, is critical to bucking the trend of wasted youth passing from the care system to the Justice system. Accepting that simply removing risk is different from supporting a young person. There must be an element of safeguarding the emotional and psychological wellbeing and development, of these young people and if that can instil the core skills and self-awareness that, those outside the care system take for granted, the long term out comes can organically improve. We acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all those that work in social care. It is often a tireless, relentless slog that is rarely credited with the respect the people involved deserve. By focusing on the fundamentals of the relationship between Professionals and Young people as well as between management and its front-line staff. I have developed a unique collection of programmes that give elevated levels of knowledge, confidence, and communication, which support Young People 'In Care' (including early intervention & post adoption), Social Workers, Care workers, Foster Carers, and Educators.