

The NHP were seen as experts in the field and a safe pair of hands, which was considered vital for reassuring LAs when bringing in a third sector organisation to work with their care leavers.

York University 2020

The Warwickshire HP has gone from strength to strength over the last few years with plans to expand in 2022 so they can support even more care leavers across the county. **Councillor** Having a really localised approach has meant that the LHP has been able to break down barriers and reduce the stigmas that people with care experience often face.

York University 2020

Interim report STAF 2021

So many people talk about 'co-production'

The innovative HP groupwork and co-production approaches

promoted young people's active involvement in planning their

transition from care and also developing their LHPs. This also

enabled them to form friendships and a peer community to

support each other to leave care together.

'incorporating lived experience' and all the other buzz

words, and it was genuinely inspiring to see it in action.

For LHPs the Community of Practice and

psychological input to their work provided

a deeper understanding of young people's

needs and of strategies to address them.

LHP staff find the ORCHIDS framework

really helpful particularly the psychological aspect ... they appreciate the ability to use it flexibly and make it their own.

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We want Warwickshire to be the best it can be for our care leavers, offering a great place for them to live, learn and grow. The HP is a friend of Child Friendly Warwickshire and works hard to ensure care leaver's voices are heard, they are engaged in all aspects of their lives, and they are empowered to reach their full potential. **Councillor**

The HP is an innovative and highly valued service that is making a significant difference for care leavers. The service helps young people to build confidence and to make friends for life, through preparation for independence & the provision of secure and affordable accommodation. Young people said to inspectors that being involved in the project makes them feel like they have a family.

Islington Ofsted report 2020

The HP coming to Wolverhampton opens up so many doors and opportunities for some of the city's most vulnerable young people, providing an ever-strengthening network of support, important life skills and knowledge and could not be a better gift to the future of Wolverhampton. **Chair of Care Leaver Forum**

The LHP has been able to work with colleagues, merging practice and sharing a vision which is not process driven - LHPs and housing are working as one system, not as two competing silos. This is in stark contrast to previous practice models.

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There was significant change in satisfaction with life as a whole suggesting improved overall wellbeing.

York University 2020

LHPs have a common understanding of relationship based practice and the impact this is having. This is likely in part due to the way they have been set up by the NHP and the Community of Practice where they share opportunities for discussion and practice development. Interim report STAF 2021 The HP will enable young people to move into their own home while getting support to develop the practical and emotional skills that they need to live independently and to make their house a home. We are particularly grateful for the support of Reconomy which has made it clear it wants to provide support and opportunities to help improve outcomes for care leavers in the city.

LHP staff love and

parent their young

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people.

Councillor

My role of a Corporate Parent is to support our young people into independence. The HP will help me do that... in my view the HP will have many direct benefits for the young people, not least the fact that they will own and drive the project.

Director of Childrens Services 2020

As someone that was born and raised in Wolverhampton I care passionately about this project and its fantastic to see it come to fruition. The formal announcement of the Wolverhampton HP is a massive step forward and has the potential to be transformational for Wolverhampton's young people in care. Reconomy is proud to be the commercial partner of this project and we look forward to getting started. **CEO Reconomy**

Staff in the LHP enjoy great relationships with NHP staff and feel part of a wider

movement. NHP model the model and staff are well cared for and looked after.

The senior practitioner and the HP manager, actually those relationships of the adults are so important to maintain, because they parent the system, they hold and regulate what happens underneath. **Clinical Psychologist**

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You've got to have your elected member on board because they're the advocate across the bigger system. LHP Staff The bottom line is it's a massive success. To say it's only been going a few years and it's making a real imprint on the system. It's scaled beyond what might have been suspected. It's still scaling even during COVID... it still thrived and survived...I'm really mindful that when you become analytical you exaggerate the things that could still be better. The worst local house project is improving lives for kids significantly, and the best ones are transforming them.

Trustee