



# All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Care-Experienced Children and Young People

## - Launch of APPG Inquiry report on corporate parenting

Minutes of formal meeting of the [All-Party Parliamentary Group for Care-Experienced Children and Young People](#) on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Venue:** Grimond Room, House of Commons

**Present:** Steve McCabe MP as Chair of the APPG; other Parliamentarians (including APPG Officers, Helen Hayes MP and Dame Rosie Winterton MP); staff from Become – as secretariat of the APPG; care-experienced children and young people; and other attendees who had contributed to the inquiry, including civil servants, charities, and participation workers from local authorities.

### **The APPG's Inquiry into the Government's proposals to extend Corporate Parenting responsibilities to other public sector bodies and organisations**

- 1) Welcome and introductions from the Chair - Steve McCabe MP
- 2) Katharine Sacks-Jones, Become's Chief Executive, and Matt Blow, Become's Policy and Public Affairs Manager gave an overview of the inquiry, care-experienced young people's involvement, the final inquiry report and its recommendations to Government. The final APPG Inquiry report can be found here – <https://becomecharity.org.uk/report-the-appg/>. It was published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 ahead of the meeting.
1. A number of care-experienced young people discussed their involvement in the APPG Inquiry, and what was most important to them in terms of reforms to corporate parenting, including which organisations they would like to see as corporate parents, such as education providers, the police and justice system, and housing providers.
- 3) Parliamentarians, including the Shadow Minister for Children and Early Years, Helen Hayes MP, responded to the comments from the young people, highlighting the importance of hearing directly from care-experienced young people and sharing their hopes for future reform of the system.
- 4) Steve McCabe MP, as Chair, offered final comments in response to the views and experiences shared by the care-experienced young people, affirming the urgency for change and the impact of inquiries and reports such as this, in platforming care-experienced young people's thoughts and wishes to influence changes that will impact them. He closed the discussion, thanking all for their attendance and shared reflections.

*Meeting closed at 7.30pm*