

# Edinburgh police celebrate the Care Experienced Community

Today Police Scotland's Edinburgh City Division celebrate the Care Experienced community.

Edinburgh City Division is committed to supporting those with care experience and are proud to remind everyone of their Care Experienced Pledge which was developed following discussions with the Edinburgh Champions Board on what officers can do to better support those with care experience.



The Care Experienced Pledge will guarantee:

1. Where it is identified to police that a care experienced young person has concern for their personal safety at home, police will guarantee a meeting to discuss a safety plan and offer advice should they wish to accept such an offer.
2. Where a care experienced young person is identified as

wanting to join the police (as a constable, special constable or member of police staff) and meets the minimum criteria for application, Police Scotland will:

- facilitate a meeting with a serving probationer constable or member of police staff to discuss the practicalities and demands of the role, and
- offer support with the recruitment process via the Divisional Training Sergeant or police staff equivalent, and
- guarantee them a meeting with a member of the Local Area Command team should they wish support in the application process

3. Where it is identified that a care experienced young person has been successful in the recruitment process and wishes additional support, Police Scotland will identify a mentor for them for the length of their probationary period.

4. Finally officers will actively promote the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers programme to care experienced young people.