

# Social value for our care experienced young people

FM Conway, one of our contractors, has recently helped us to make improvements to three of our supported accommodation properties for free.



In June last year, we purchased three properties providing supported accommodation for children looked after, care leavers, and homeless young people in our borough. The properties are managed by our provider, Centrepoint, who support our young people to develop the skills required to move on into their own accommodation.

Two of these had usable gardens that were in quite a poor condition, while the third had a garden that could not be used at all. We reached out to our contractor, FM Conway, who offered to help. The gardens are now completely transformed, with new paving and raised beds, pruned trees and repaired fences, ready for our young people to enjoy. Feedback has been really positive from services, who are looking forward to getting young people involved in

gardening and other physical and creative activities meant to support wellbeing, as well as hosting barbecues and social events.

Have a look at the 'before' and 'after' photos below.





Photo 1 and 2: the gardens before





Photos 3 and 4: the gardens after

Our vision is for every child and young person in, or leaving, our care to be happy, healthy and have the opportunity to thrive, supported by a compassionate community of businesses and partner organisations. Our collaboration with FM Conway has really made a difference - a heartfelt *Thank You* to Ian Hawthorn, H&F Assistant Director of Highways, who facilitated their support.

We are the first council to have published a Social Value Statement and continue to build on our success to date in securing social value through all of our contracts. Read more about our strategy [here](#).