

# Young Inspectors Project

## WHERE YOUR VOICE MATTERS

*We capture your views, thoughts and opinions and  
make it a reality!*



**Kent County Council's Care Leaver Young Inspectors are put at the front line of services that impact their experiences daily. Our Young Inspectors help to improve services offered to them by the council. Young Inspectors make changes that benefit not just themselves, but other young people and organisations.**

**To become a Young Inspector Volunteer:**

**How old do you have to be?**

Between the ages of 18 and 25

**What will I be inspecting?**

Initially for the pilot of this scheme we will be inspecting our temporary shared accommodation, as that is where the majority of our care leavers are between the ages of 18-21. As the scheme develops there will be many other exciting things we will be able to explore and inspect for our Care Leavers.

**How long will I be expected to be an inspector for?**

As long as you like and as long as the project continues to run.

**How often will we meet?**

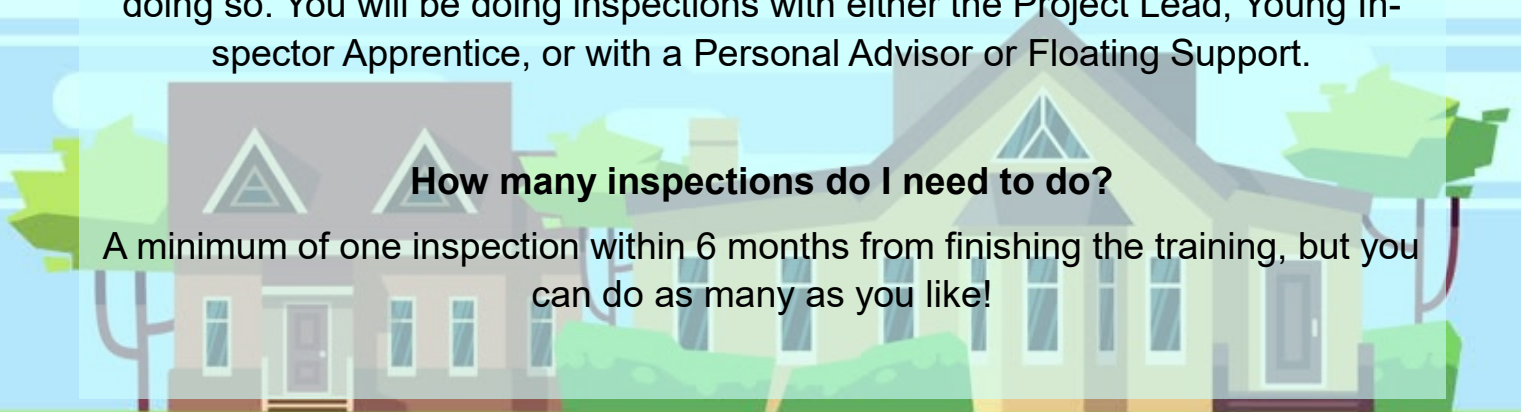
A project/inspection will take place every 6-8 weeks. We will also be having meetings every 6 months where we can come together and discuss things that we are interested in inspecting. Meetings will take place in various locations across Kent. We will try and keep things central for everyone. Meetings may be in the evenings so all of the volunteers can participate. .

**Will I be given training?**

Yes, you will be fully trained before carrying out inspections so you feel confident doing so. You will be doing inspections with either the Project Lead, Young Inspector Apprentice, or with a Personal Advisor or Floating Support.

**How many inspections do I need to do?**

A minimum of one inspection within 6 months from finishing the training, but you can do as many as you like!



### **What do I need to wear?**

You will be given a top or /hoodie. No other dress code is required, you just need to be clean and tidy when we go out on inspections as you are representing Kent County Council.

### **Will my transport be covered when I carry out inspections?**

Yes. If you do not have a Kent Bus pass or live a distance away and need to get there by other forms of transportation (for example a train), your transport will be covered. Make sure you keep receipts or tell us you need a travel warrant a week beforehand and we will send it to you. We will also provide you with refreshments where necessary.

### **What if I don't want to do something?**

You will never be asked to do something you are not comfortable doing and your views will always be respected.

If you have any concerns, please speak to one of the Young Inspector staff straight away.

### **Who will I do an inspection with?**

You will usually go out in teams of at least 2 or 3 for each visit. The Lead Inspector or other key staff within the Leaving Care Service will go with you for additional support.

### **What am I expected to do?**

Before each inspection visit, we will meet with you to talk about the type of inspection we will be carrying out. You will be sent information with further details on it that tells you: time, place, who is going with you, what we will be looking at.

You will take pictures and will need to make clear notes. You will talk to young people, staff and organisations that work with our Care Leavers. You will also be sharing information with other young inspectors and staff. You will be writing reports and taking notes at meetings to share with the rest of the group. You will also learn new skills, grow your confidence, make new friends, go on activities and have fun!

### **Will I be paid?**

Upon full completion of your inspection you will be paid in gift vouchers.

## **Type of inspections:**

### **Mystery**

Young people go to a place to view or ask for something when secretly they are inspecting.

### **Observation**

People know you are coming to look at what they do. You might be inspecting a property, looking at information boards, how people work, as well as observing an activity.

### **Questionnaires**

These are usually sent out or completed face to face, it is a good way of asking lots of people to give you information.

### **Focus groups**

Talking to a small group of people and asking direct questions, using flip charts to record what people say focused on a specific topic.

### **Interview**

Talking directly to one person at a time. Often using a set of pre-prepared questions so every person you interview is asked the same thing.

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