

# Lifelong Links



Lifelong Links is for young people in care and those with care experience under 25 years, helping them to rebuild and maintain connections with people who matter to them, ensuring they remain fully supported into adulthood.

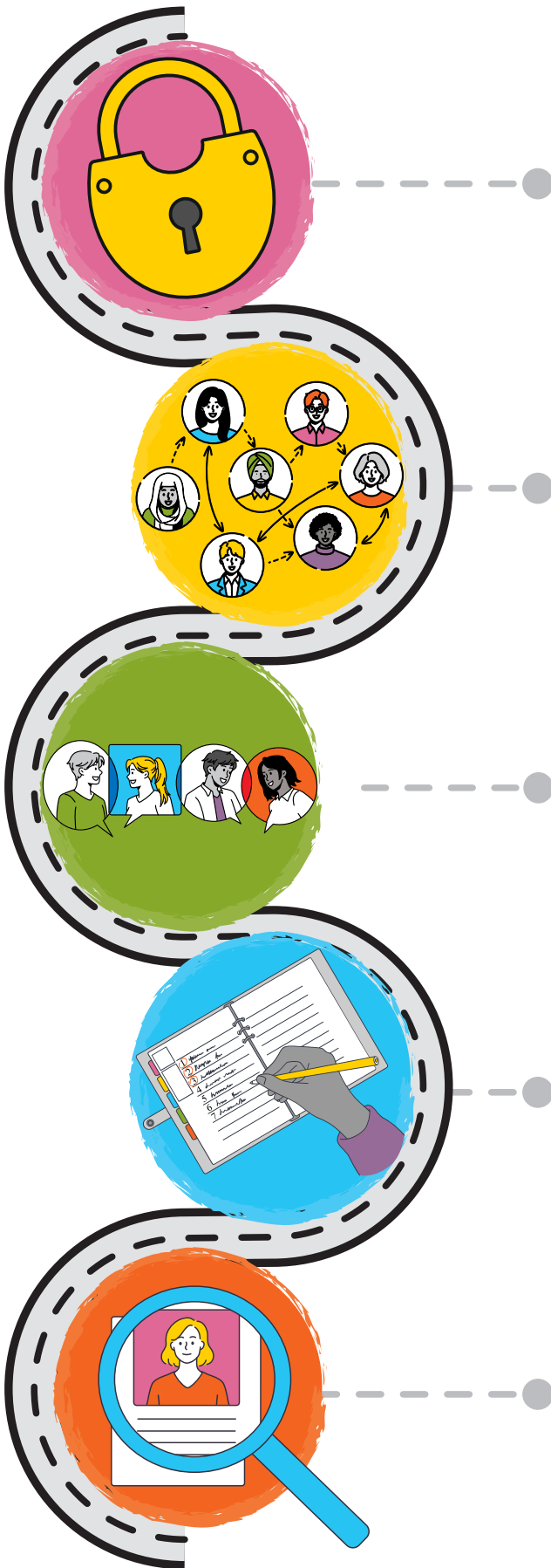
If you work with a young person who is interested in this service and you think they would benefit, email [lifelonglinks@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:lifelonglinks@warwickshire.gov.uk) to arrange a consultation. Young people can opt out at any time.

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### Who is eligible?

- **Child in care under 18 years** in long term care with no plan of a return home, particularly young people;
  - in supported accommodation or residential accommodation
  - where a plan of permanency has been agreed to remain with foster carers (excluding adoption)
- **Care Leavers 18 - under 25 years** open to Leaving Care Services, who are socially isolated or have limited network and want to identify and reconnect with key safe adults.

### How can it help?

A Lifelong Links Coordinator can help the young person identify and contact friends, family and professionals of their choice to create a network they can turn to for support.

Through Lifelong Links, they can also explore their family history and get answers to questions they may have.

### What is a Lifelong Links Family Network Meeting?

It is a meeting between the young person with their chosen individuals from their Lifelong Links process.

The Coordinator and social worker or personal advisor facilitate the meeting and help create a **Lifelong Links Plan**. They also prepare the young person for the meeting.

### What is the purpose?

Lifelong Links will help support the young person to

- have lasting relationships they can depend on
- have people to turn to for practical and emotional support
- know who is responsible for staying in touch and how this will happen
- learn more about their history and develop a stronger sense of identity

### Next steps

The social worker/personal advisor should work with the young person and their support network to ensure the plan is carried out and that it is safe. It will form part of the young person's care or pathway plan.