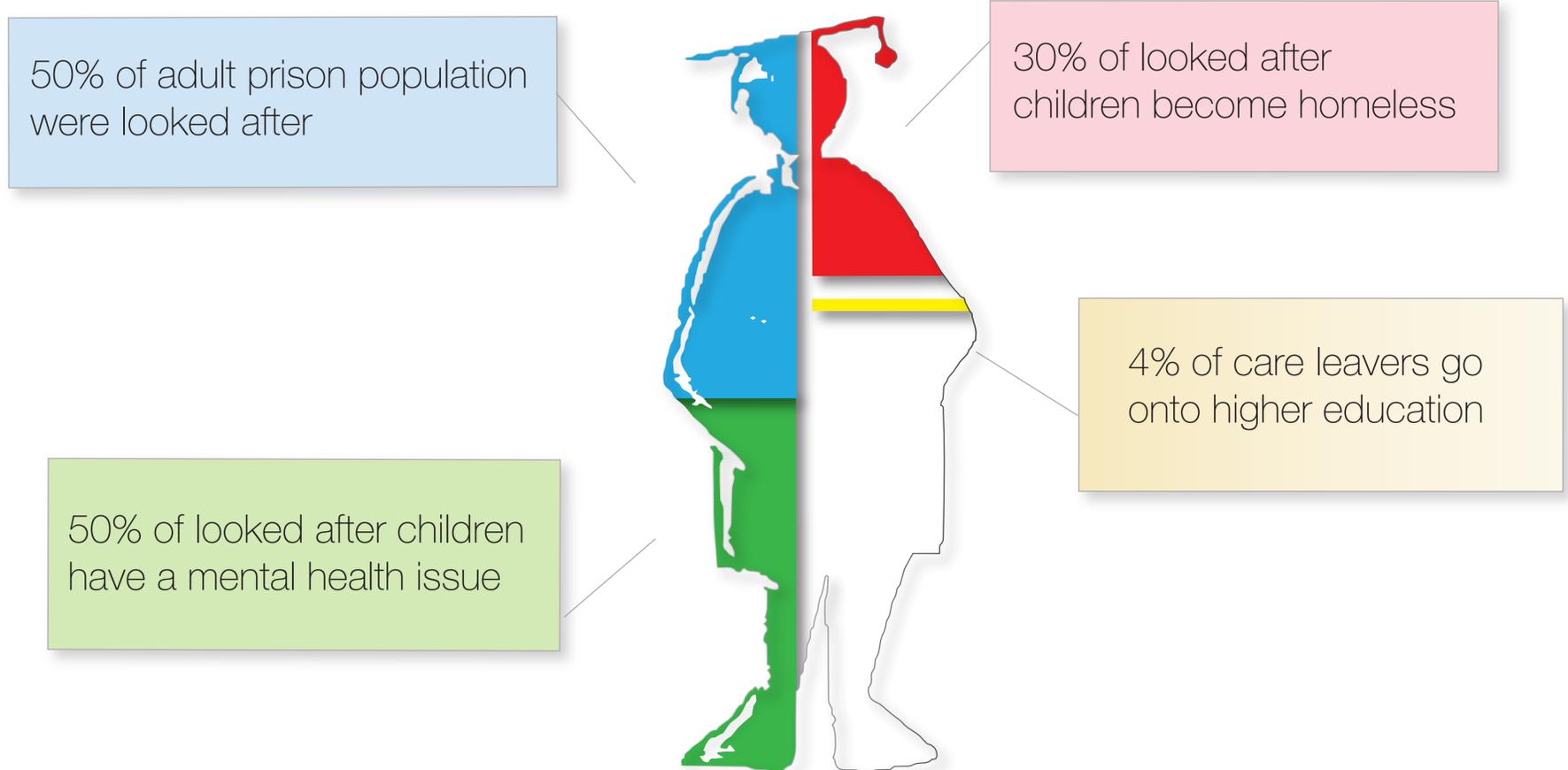


## Up to and including 25 years of age, Corporate Parenting is:

“A public bodies’ performance of actions necessary to promote and support the physical, emotional, spiritual, social and cognitive development of a looked after child or care leaver, from infancy through to adulthood.”

## Why Do We Care?

Evidence suggests young care leavers have the poorest outcomes of all children and young people in Scotland.



## Edinburgh Napier University Commitments

### Support for Living

Care Leaver bursary of up to £1000  
Sensitive support and advice from Student Funding  
365 day accommodation available irrespective of where care leavers live

### Training for Staff

Short staff development sessions.  
Guidelines for staff across the university

### Admissions

Eligible for contextualised admissions policy  
Individualised pre-entry support available for any student who discloses they have been in care

### Networking

College staff working with care leavers  
Linking with relevant statutory and voluntary organisations  
Connecting with relevant support staff from other universities

### Academic Support

Guidelines on working with care leavers available for all PDTs  
One-to-one support from trained Student Learning Adviser (Student Learning, S&AS)

### Building Aspirations

Support for travel costs  
Recruitment activities accessible to care leavers  
Recruitment information acknowledges commitment to care leavers

### The poor life outcomes for many young people in care have been well documented.

“By Degrees: From Care to University” (Jackson, National Children’s Bureau, 2003).

The need to improve outcomes for young people leaving care is acknowledged in “Looked After Children and Young People: We Can and Must Do Better” (Scottish Executive, January 2007).

In the UK, the HE participation rate is around 40% for first time participants. For care leavers, HE participation is only 1 to 5% (UCAS Policy Unit, 2008). Since 2008, UCAS application forms have included a field which allows students to disclose if they have spent time in care.

Each university has a responsibility to respond to this information.