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Swinney meets youngsters in mentoring programme

YOUNG Scots who were once in the care system have met with Deputy Minister John Swinney to tell how a mentoring programme had improved their lives.

The SNP MSP visited Glasgow's MCR Pathways yesterday to to see how Glasgow City Council have been using their Attainment Scotland Funding to help young people.

Almost £33million has been made available to local authorities in a bid to close the attainment gap for those in care.

The MCR programme matches young people with mentors based on shared interests to offer guidance with job and career options. Mr Swinney said: "It was inspiring to see the MCR Pathways project in action today.

"I look forward to seeing how other schools and local authorities choose to use their funding to improve the life chances of care experienced children and young people in their area."