

Care Leavers Entitlement

June 2018

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<p>Eligible young people are by definition those looked after and they will receive all the benefits of the looked after system.</p> <p>Young people will not receive allowances from this leaving care financial framework until they move into an independent living situation or become a relevant or qualifying young person</p> <p>Accommodation cost:</p> <p>This varies depending on the needs of the young person. Children in care will receive pocket money, this is negotiated with your foster carer.</p>	<p>Accommodation cost:</p> <p>This varies depending on the needs of the young person.</p> <p>Financial support:</p> <p>A personal maintenance allowance is set at the same rate as benefits which is currently £57.90 a week. This will be until you turn 18 as you will be able to claim benefits in your own right or when you secure employment). Other financial support will be at the discretion of the local authority and as stipulated in the pathway plan which is based on your assessed needs.</p>	<p>Accommodation cost:</p> <p>The local authority will pay the support cost for semi independent and supported accommodation for young persons 18 and over. This includes Staying Put arrangements. However the young person is expected to claim housing benefit to reduce cost.</p> <p>Young people in stay put arrangements returning over holiday period a payment of £250 a week will be paid to the foster carer.</p> <p>The local authority will pay a deposit and the first month's rent of private sector accommodation that is deemed suitable and in line with the local housing allowance.</p>	<p>Accommodation:</p> <p>You will be entitled to apply for Housing Benefit to cover your rent. Advice and practical support can be provided by your personal advisor.</p> <p>Housing costs for vacation accommodation, if needed, when engaged in higher or further education, a maximum of £85 a week.</p> <p>Financial support:</p> <p>You are entitled to claim benefits when not in education or employment. If you are undertaking an agreed course you may be entitled to continue to claim benefits.</p>

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	<p>Setting Up Allowance: Up to a maximum of £2,000. When a young person first leaves care a maximum of £350 will be paid from their Leaving Care Allowance as an initial payment, further allowance will not be given until the young person has been in the accommodation for four to five months (when they demonstrated that they are able to maintain their tenancy).</p> <p>Education: You will be eligible for a higher education bursary of £2000. This is paid in installments spread over the year and three year period. Weekly travel cost (bus), books, equipment and Field trips should be covered by bursary (or alternatively as agreed in pathway plan and signed off by leaving care manager).</p> <p>Employment: Assistance in starting and maintaining work, training or college course (As agreed by service manager if the cost is above £100).</p>	<p>Financial Support: The local authority will pay the first four weeks of employment until first salary is paid. The local authority also pays the first three to six weeks allowance whilst benefit claim is progressed. There is an expectation that anything over three weeks will be repaid by the young person. (In exceptional circumstances this may be extended and food vouchers provided if needed). In case of a Stay Put arrangement the young person is expected to contribute around 20% of their earnings to the foster carer as part of their maintenance and rent. The local authority will pay a weekly subsistence payment to maintain a course of further education, if the young person is not eligible for benefits. This will need to be agreed by service manager.</p>	<p>Over 21s: If your case has been closed you can request further support from the local authority up until your 25th birthday. This means you will be allocated a personal advisor who will assess your needs to help inform any relevant support offered.</p> <p>Assessment of need: A personal advisor will undertake an assessment to help inform the local authority understanding of your support needs. Your personal advisor will then provide you with the appropriate advice and support based on this assessment. However where a young person is otherwise living a successful independent life, but requires support on a single issue, a full assessment may not be necessary.</p>

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	<p>Contact with important people: Cost for travel will be paid by the local authority. Maximum of three visits a year. Cultural and religious needs: £15 a year (Christmas, Eid etc).</p> <p>Birthdays: £15 a year under 18. Then £25 for 18th and 21st birthdays.</p> <p>Clothing allowance: Maximum of £350 a year. Maximum of £100 will be paid during the months of November, March and July.</p> <p>Identity: The local authority will support you financially to obtain a passport or provisional driving license.</p>	<p>Setting up allowance: A maximum of £2,000 will be paid from the age a young person leaves care until the age of 21. When a young person first leaves care a maximum of £350 will be paid from their leaving care allowance. Further allowance will not be given until the young person has been in the accommodation for four to five months (when they demonstrate that they are able to maintain their tenancy).</p> <p>Education: Assistance to access education and gain or maintain training (As agreed in pathway plan). You will be eligible for a higher education bursary of £2000. This is paid in installments spread over the year and three year period. Weekly travel cost (bus), books, equipment and field trips should be covered by bursary (or alternatively as agreed in pathway plan and signed off by leaving care manager).</p>	<p>Over 21s: If your case has been closed you can request further support from the local authority up until your 25th birthday. This means you will be allocated a personal advisor who will assess your needs to help inform any relevant support offered.</p> <p>Assessment of need: A personal advisor will undertake an assessment to help inform the local authority understanding of your support needs. Your personal advisor will then provide you with the appropriate advice and support based on this assessment. However, where a young person is otherwise living a successful independent life, but requires support on a single issue, a full assessment may not be necessary.</p>

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		<p>The local authority will cover summer bacation accommodation costs to the (maximum £85 a week) and essential reading.</p> <p>The local authority does expect young people to claim the maximum student grants and loans.</p> <p>Employment:</p> <p>Personal advisor support and assistance to gain and maintain employment.</p> <p>Birthdays:</p> <p>An amount of £25 for 18th and 21st birthdays.</p> <p>Contact with important people:</p> <p>As outlined and agreed within pathway plan. Cost for travel will be paid by the local authority. maximum of three visits a year or more as identified in your pathway plan and agreed by the team manager.</p>	

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