The Children's Society

Who are Care Leavers?

It's important to know if you are a Care Leaver, as it will mean you are entitled to some extra support. The information below outlines who is a Care Leaver, and what support you can access. If you feel you're not getting this support you can contact your local care leavers team, or ask for an advocate in your local area to help you.

1) ELIGIBLE CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON

• 16 or 17 years old currently looked after by local authority for 13+ weeks since age 14 (does not need to be consecutive)

ENTITLEMENTS:

- Personal Adviser
- Pathway plan
- Adequate care and support until they leave care

2) RELEVANT CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON

• 16 or 17 years old not currently looked after by local authority

• looked after for a cumulative period of 13+ weeks since age 14 and ended after 16th birthday

ENTITLEMENTS:

- Personal Adviser
- Pathway plan
- Accommodation
- Financial support (maintenance, education, training etc.)

3) FORMER RELEVANT CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON

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• 18-25 years old, previously eligible or relevant child

• Looked after for a cumulative period of 13+ weeks since age 14 and ended after 16th birthday

ENTITLEMENTS:

- Personal Adviser
- Pathway plan
- Assistance with accommodation
- Assistance with education and training
- Financial support and help with living costs

4) QUALIFYING CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON

• 16-25 years old

• No longer looked after, but looked after by children's services between 16 to 18

• Not an eligible or relevant child (spent less than 13 weeks in care since 14th birthday)

ENTITLEMENTS:

- Assistance with costs associated with education, training, and employment
- Advice and assistance from Children services

CARE LEAVERS ENTITLEMENTS – check your local offer:

Care Leaver Local Offer :: Home

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