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LEAVING CARE FINANCIAL PROCEDURES  
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## **Part 1 - Entitlements and Duties**

### **1.1 Legislation**

**The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 and Regulations and Guidance came into operation on 1st October 2001.**

**The Children Act 1989 guidance and regulations  
Volume 3: planning transition to adulthood for care leavers  
Publication date: October 2010  
Implementation date: 1 April 2011**

**Revision date: January 2015**

**The Children and Social Work Act 2017  
The main implications for Leaving Care Services were enacted on 1.4.18**

The main purpose of the legislation concerning Care Leavers is to improve the life chances of young people living in and leaving local authority care. Its main aims are to:

- delay a young person's discharge from care until they are prepared and ready;
- improve the assessment, preparation and planning for leaving care;
- provide better personal support for young people after leaving care;
- improve the financial arrangements for care leavers.

The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 Regulations and Guidance is issued under Section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970. The guidance should be read in conjunction with the Children Act 1989 Guidance and Regulations. It replaces:

- An Introduction of the Children Act 1989
- After – care; when a child ceases to be looked after – paragraphs 5.33 - 5.37

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- The Children Act 1989 Guidance and Regulation Volume 3, Family Placements, Chapter 9 After – care: advice and assistance
- The Children Act 1989 Guidance and Regulations Volume 4, Chapter 7
- The Children and Social Work Act 2017 adds to the above legislation and guidelines to provide additional support to care leavers up to the age of 25 and ensure greater ownership of corporate parenting principles across the whole of the LA and that there is a statutory offer to care leavers that is reviewed regularly

## **1.2 Who is entitled to Support?**

The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 creates three new categories of Young People entitled to support.

The categories are as follows:

### **1) Eligible child**

**Aged 16 or 17 and are currently looked after, either on a care order or accommodated**

An Eligible child will:

- have been looked after for a period or periods of 13 weeks since their 14th birthday (this total should include at least one spell of over 4 weeks, but does not include respite)
- If having been looked after for the above period they are then detained after their 16th birthday – in hospital, remand centre, young offenders Institution or secure training centre, they will qualify. This category defines those young people who will go on to become Relevant and Former Relevant young people when they cease to be looked after.

## **2) Relevant child**

### **Aged 16 or 17 (not yet 18) and have left care, having previously been in the category of Eligible child**

There is a duty to financially support these young people up to the age of 18. Relevant young people should be no worse off through receiving financial support from Leaving Care Services, even where they do not co-operate with workers or adhere to agreements made under the Pathway Plans. The allowances paid to them should not fall below the level of Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance.

## **3) Former Relevant child**

### **Aged 18 to 25 and have left care having previously been Eligible or Relevant, or both**

There is a duty to consider the need to financially support these young people.

The guiding principle within these definitions is to identify those young people for whom the Local Authority should act in the place of a parent, and to define the level of support to which they are entitled.

As a corporate parent the Authority should act in the best interests of the young people for whom it has a responsibility and take on the full parental role.

Sections 24A and 24B will continue to apply as follows:

- Where young people are only looked after or supported briefly, or where they return successfully to their families, it is expected that the families themselves resume responsibility for their welfare and support.

- A young person must have been settled for at least six months with a person falling within Section 32(4) of the Children Act 1989.
- The provisions of Section 24A and 24B will continue to apply for such children.

#### **4) Qualifying children and young people over 16**

##### **A young person under 25) who:**

- left care before 1st October 2001.
- left/leaves care on or after 1st October 2001, but who was not looked after for 13 weeks etc.
- ceases to be looked after or accommodated in a variety of other settings or privately fostered, after the age of 16.

##### Entitled to:

- the same benefits as under Section 24 before amendment
- keep in touch as necessary – for the purpose of Section 24
- assistance and support up to 25
- vacation accommodation when in higher education

#### **1.3 Summary of Duties Re: Financial Support and Leaving Care Status**

The nature and level of financial entitlements for young people are described within the Regulations for the C(LC)A 2000. It is important that case records relating to young people in or leaving care are accurate and current. Records should clearly define a young person's legal status under the Act.

Every Eligible, Relevant and Former Relevant young person should have their financial needs assessed and included in their Pathway Plans.

**Eligible young people (16-18-year olds are currently looked after)**

Eligible young people's financial needs should be met in the same way as other looked after children via the Care Planning process. Eligible young people will receive the benefits of the Looked After system.

Some Eligible young people can claim non-means tested benefits e.g. Disability Living Allowance and should be assisted in doing so where appropriate.

**Relevant young people (16/17-year olds who have left care)**

It is the duty of the Local Authority to ensure that the income, maintenance and accommodation costs of Relevant young people are adequately covered, in line with the guidance included in this document.

These young people are no longer entitled to claim the major means tested benefits

–Universal Credit. Responsibility for this financial support now lies with the Leaving Care Service.

Important exceptions to this rule are lone parents or young people with long term health problems, or with disabilities. Relevant young people can claim non-means tested benefits e.g. PIP Personal Independence Payment as appropriate.

For further assistance contact the Welfare Benefits Information Officer.

Derby Advice Team – 01332 643396. [www.gov.uk/government](http://www.gov.uk/government)

**Former Relevant (over 18 years)**

Benefits entitlements remain unaltered for Former Relevant young people, as does entitlement to non-means tested benefits – e.g. (Personal Independence

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Payment) and Incapacity Benefit. Leaving Care staff should assist young people to maximise take up of benefits before making assessments for any additional financial support.

The Leaving Care Service can assist Former Relevant young people with income and accommodation where it is deemed appropriate to do so in the Pathway Plan but this must be authorised by the Deputy Head of Service, / Head of Service and Service Director

**1.4 Unaccompanied Asylum-seeking Children and Young People**

The provisions introduced by the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 apply to unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in the same way as other children in this country. They will, however, have an immigration status (applying for asylum, acceptance as a refugee, granted exceptional leave to remain, or refused to leave to remain), that will need to be taken into account when considering provision of services.

Children and young people who are accommodated under Section 20 of the Children Act 1989 will accrue entitlements to the provisions of the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 in the normal way. In some circumstances young people who receive a service via Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 will also be entitled to the full provisions of the Children (Leaving Care Act) 2000. This will apply where young people have been “de facto” looked after (as per the ‘Hillingdon Judgement’ 2004). The decision about individual’s entitlements to leaving care provision should be made by the relevant Leaving Care Team Manager based on a clear assessment of the circumstances.

There is a procedure to reclaim funding for some Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children from the Home Office. This procedure is the responsibility of the case managing service.

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Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children who are still looked after (eligible) will be identified at the Area Social Services Office and a claim for reimbursement for care costs will be sent from that office to the relevant Finance Unit/ Accountant. There is a cost code for unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people.

The payment forms/vouchers should have the correct cost code recorded for accommodation costs and weekly maintenance. The relevant worker must tell the Payment's Officer in the Finance Unit that the young person is an unaccompanied asylum seeker. Where indicated these payments can be reclaimed from the Home Office by the relevant accountant.

**PART 2 – Principles for Financial Planning –**

**Please Refer to Finance matrix- Appendix A**

**2.1 Financial Assistance with Housing and Tenancy Support**

**Costs**

**Eligible Young People**

Eligible young people are those who are still looked after. These young people should have their needs met via their care plans and in most cases will be living in foster care or residential placements. There are no provisions within the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 to meet the accommodation needs of these young people.

**Relevant Young People**

The Leaving Care Service will normally meet in full Relevant young people's accommodation costs. The type and cost of provision will vary depending on the needs and requirements of each young person. The level of funding available for accommodation should be clearly discussed with each young person during the Pathway Planning process. Details of costs and services should be included in the young person's Pathway Plan.

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Decisions regarding the approval of funding will normally be made by the Leaving Care Team Manager, Deputy and Head of Service via the Service Director).

**Former Relevant Young People**

Former Relevant young people are entitled to claim Housing Benefit (through Universal Credit) to assist with their housing costs where this is applicable. Social Workers and Personal Advisers should assist young people to maximise their take up of welfare benefits where it is appropriate for them to do so.

The Leaving Care Service will assist with general financial support for Former Relevant young people aged up to 25 years. Housing Benefit (Universal Credit) must have been claimed if appropriate in these cases. Decisions regarding the approval of funding will normally be made by the Leaving Care Team Manager/Head and Deputy Head of Service (via a funding request to the Service Director) for young people up to age 25 years. This is based upon assessment of need.

**Qualifying Young People**

Qualifying Young people are entitled to claim Housing Benefit (Universal Credit) to assist with their housing costs based upon an assessment of needs. Social Workers/Personal Advisers should assist young people to maximise their take up of welfare benefits where it is appropriate for them to do so.

Financial support towards meeting accommodation costs may be provided to Qualifying young People to assist them in Education, Employment or Training including vacation accommodation. The level of financial support requested should be based upon a thorough assessment of the young person's financial needs. Packages of Support and one-off payments towards accommodation costs of should be approved by the Leaving Care Team Manager/Head and Deputy Head of Service via the Service Director.

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**2.2 Support for those Care leavers remaining with their former foster Carers post 18 or moving into an adult foster care placement post 18.**

**For information on Staying Put Arrangements, please refer to [Staying Put Policy](#).**

**2.3 Maintenance Allowance**

**Eligible Young People**

Eligible young people are those who are still looked after. There are no provisions within the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 to meet the maintenance needs of these young people. Some Eligible young people may be entitled to claim non-means tested benefits such as Personal Independence Payments.

**Relevant Young People**

In most cases Relevant Young People will be entitled to a weekly Maintenance Allowance paid directly to them by the Leaving Care Service. The basic level of this allowance is set at the equivalent of Income Based Job Seekers Allowance. Young People aged 16-18 years who have left care should receive no less than this amount to live on each week. Exceptions to this rule include lone parents and some young people with disabilities who can claim welfare benefits from the age of 16 years.

It should be noted that the benefit level is the absolute minimum amount a young person should be expected to live on, and additional financial support should be provided with any needs identified by the pathway planning process. In general, Young People should be encouraged to engage in activities that increase their weekly income through incentives and bonuses (see the following sections for further information).

As noted, other types of financial support should be available in addition to the basic allowance. This might include help with things like contact with family members, or with activities to stay fit and healthy (see Section 7 'Other Financial Support').

Where a young person is entitled to weekly Maintenance Allowance, details should be recorded in their Pathway Plan.

### **Former Relevant and Qualifying Young People**

The Leaving Care Service is not financially responsible for the maintenance of these young people. Where no other forms of income are available young people should be directed to claim the appropriate benefit.

Former Relevant and Qualifying young people who are in full time further education are normally entitled to claim Income Support/Universal Credit to meet their weekly living costs up to the age of 25.

Young People in employment will normally be responsible for meeting their own needs in terms of living costs although for young people on a low wage they may be entitled to some welfare benefits but assistance may be considered based upon assessed need through the Young Persons Pathway Plan.

## **Part 3 - Assistance and Support for Young People in Education**

The Leaving Care Service Can make additional payments to supplement other entitlements young people may receive (i.e. the education bursary) Young people's entitlements will depend upon their status under the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 and Children and Social Work Act 2017.

### **Eligible Young People**

These young people should have their needs met via their care plans under the provisions of the Children Act 1989. Eligible young people may be entitled to claim the education bursary and should be assisted in doing so where appropriate.

#### **3.1 'The Principle'**

This Principle applies to all Care Leavers regardless of their Legal Status except for 'Qualifying Young people'.

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Any Derby City Care Leaver receiving a service via the C(LC)A 2000 aged under 25 years and actively engaged in full-time equivalent EET activities will have no less than the applicable benefit level for income support or JSA (Universal Credit) and £30 a week to live on, after reasonable housing and travel costs have been met. If in receipt of an education bursary this will be considered.

This principle applies to all Relevant and Former Relevant young people under 25 years of age. Payments from Leaving Care should be made in the form of 'top ups' after other universal allowances and benefits have (where applicable) been obtained (education bursary, Income Support, Housing Benefit, Universal Credit). See Section 4.4 'How to Arrange a Payment to a Young Person'.

### **3.2 Full and Part-time Study, Training and Employment.**

The packages of support below normally apply to Young people engaged in a full-time program of study or Training. For the purposes of this policy 'full-time' and 'part-time' will follow the same definitions as those used by the education provider. A full-time course is normally one which is 16 hours/week or more.

Where young people are planning to undertake part-time studies financial assistance, incentives and bonuses should still be considered. The level at which they are set should be calculated on an approximate pro-rata basis compared with full time study. Details of the package should be clearly outlined in the young person's Pathway Plan.

Any packages of support for those young people in Employment will be assessed on an individual case by case basis. For the purpose of these procedures Apprenticeships will be viewed as employment but Principle 3.1 still applies.

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In addition to the £30 Bursary or equivalent young people actively pursuing EET activities might be able to access the following where it's assessed there is a need, and this is recorded in their Pathway Plan.

- Help with Clothes for interviews, work placements, work.
- Fares to get to interviews, placements.
- Course materials including essential books.
- Specialist equipment/clothing not provided by college /University or Employer
- Support with IT equipment
- Help with additional transport costs

This is not an exhaustive list and individual circumstances should be considered.

**3.3 Education Bonus for Successful Completion of an Academic Year of course other than HE.**

At the end of each academic year, an education bonus of £100 will be paid to any Relevant or Former Relevant young person aged 25 years or under, who successfully completes a year of full-time equivalent study towards a recognised course of further education. This bonus should normally be paid directly to the young person. In certain individual circumstances other arrangements may be made, but the equivalent sum of money must be used in a way which rewards the young person for their achievement. Details of how and when an education bonus is paid should be detailed in the Young Person's Pathway Plan

Payment of the education bonus should be over and above other financial assistance, incentives and bursaries the young person receives whilst studying. For the purposes of calculating young people's entitlements to benefits, it should not be regarded as income.

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**3.4 End of Academic Year bonus for successful completion of an academic year for those at University.**

For all young people who have completed a year of higher education study, and who are planning to return to their studies in the next academic year, an education bonus of £500 is available at the academic end of the first and second years of study. At the end of the course a £1000 education bonus is available.

**3.5 Additional Financial Support for young People in Higher Education**

**Planning Financial Support for Higher Education Students**

Care leavers entering higher education before the age of 25 are entitled to a one-off bursary of £2000. This will normally be paid in three instalments over three years, usually during the first academic term of each academic year of a three-year degree course.

Most young people in higher education are not entitled to claim benefits. There are some circumstances in which some young people are entitled to claim benefits, such as

- a) young people with disabilities
- b) young people with children

As a rule, young people planning to attend an HE institution will be expected to apply for the maximum amount of financial assistance available through universal grants, loans and bursaries available for the course that they are intending to study. Tuition fee loans are paid directly to the University by Student Finance; however, maintenance loans are paid direct to students and affordable accommodation will need to be sought. These loans are paid directly to students, in three parts at the beginning of each academic term, so young people will need to ensure they are aware of their weekly budget,

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Which is part of the PA role and as such should be outlined in the Pathway Plan.

Young people planning on attending or in higher education will need to complete an income/expenditure calculation form with their Leaving Care Personal Advisor.

A clearly informed estimate of the level of funding available should be made at the earliest opportunity. Young People's accommodation options must also be explored and costed. Income from University bursaries/grants and loans should be included in calculations for term time only.

During term-time the principle that a young person should have a minimum of benefit level plus £30 to live on after reasonable accommodation and travel costs have been taken into consideration should be applied to all young people in higher education using the income/expenditure calculation form to determine any shortfalls.

Financial support agreed will be clearly recorded in the Pathway Plan and subject to checks to ensure young people are undertaking their course of study satisfactorily and are attending regularly. Young people will need to sign a consent form to enable their personal advisor to liaise directly with the university.

*Vacation period*

Accommodation costs during the vacation period will be assessed by the Leaving Care Service prior to the commencement of the course of HE.

Arrangements for the young person's accommodation and maintenance during holidays and vacations should be planned and where possible costed in advance. In some circumstances it may be possible to plan for the young person to return to stay with ex-carers during these periods. Some Institutions may also be able to offer students 52-week accommodation (for example,

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Staffordshire University). Creative options, such as providing young people with the opportunity to travel or engage in planned activities should be considered where appropriate.

Apart from in exceptional circumstances, young people should be encouraged to supplement their income whilst in higher education through appropriate part-time work. Young people who are unable to work will need to discuss any financial concerns with their Personal Adviser as soon as possible and address any financial worries.

A financial plan should be drawn up covering at least the period of the first academic year (including the summer vacation) and presented to the Leaving Care Team Manager for approval at the earliest opportunity. The plan should include all sources of income and essential outgoings, including the young persons living and accommodation costs and should be in 2 parts covering term-time and academic holidays/vacations.

**3.6 Qualifying Young People and HE Summer Accommodation.**

Financial support for those Qualifying Young People attending University can be provided by the Leaving Care Service to cover summer accommodation costs.

**Part 4 – Leaving Care Grant (LCG)**

Eligible, Relevant and Former Relevant young people are entitled to a Leaving Care Grant (LCG) of up to £2,000

The young person's LCG should only be spent on goods and services relating to setting up (and in exceptional circumstances, maintaining) their home. Young people can 'draw down' against their LCG throughout the period of them receiving a leaving care service. Monies from a young person's LCG can be used to set up home and move between different accommodation settings throughout the period that a young person receives a service.

#### **4.1 Checklist of Essential Items**

A Leaving Care Grant for setting up home includes the following:

- 4 place settings of cutlery – dinner plate, bowl side plate, mug (new)
- Set of kitchen utensils, including knives for preparing food (new)
- Kettle
- Iron and Board
- Towels (new)
- Bedding – duvet, two changes of covers and sheets (new)
- Fridge
- TV/Audio equipment
- Basic tools
- A torch
- Bed (new mattress)
- Curtains/blinds
- Table and chairs
- Cooker and microwave
- Place to store clothes – rail/wardrobe/chest of drawers
- Light bulbs and shades
- Floor covering
- Other items which may be particularly relevant to that young person

This list is not exhaustive, and account should be taken of individual circumstances when considering items of importance for a young person setting up home.

Young People should be given reasonable choice about how, and from where they purchase goods and services when setting up home. Advice should be given to young people about value for money, quality and safety in respect to the goods and services they wish to purchase. Leaving Care personnel and

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managers should apply 'good parenting' principles when finalising decisions about the purchase of goods and services via young people's Leaving Care Grants.

#### **4.2 Home 'Starter Pack'**

When a young person moves into their own accommodation for the first time they should be provided with a 'starter pack' up to the value of £50.00.

Examples of items that should be contained in the starter pack are;

Basic Food Essentials -Milk, bread, Margarine, powdered milk, crisps, biscuits, tea, coffee, cereal, cup a soups, beans x 4

Cleaning materials -washing powder, general purpose cleaner, washing-up liquid, washing liquid/powder for clothing/bedding, window cleaner etc.

Toiletries -toilet tissue, toothpaste, shower/bath gel, deodorant etc.

### **Part 5 – Other Financial Support**

#### **5.1 Support with Contact**

Pathway Plans should identify significant people who the young person needs to keep in contact with, and how contact will happen.

Suitable arrangements should be made to ensure that the young person has the means to facilitate a reasonable level of contact with family members, key kin and significant others. Regularity and means of contact must be agreed and recorded in the Pathway Plan

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#### **5.2 Access to Leisure**

Young people should be encouraged to make use of leisure facilities, and to pursue sports, hobbies and pastimes. Some young people may have talents or abilities, which should be encouraged and nurtured.

Financial support through a Pathway Plan might include:

- help with sports equipment
- help with musical instruments, tuition costs, exam fees, sheet music etc.
- help with membership fees of clubs, leisure centres, gyms etc.
- special training or coaching fees
- music or singing lessons
- payment for services at sports clubs and facilities

Assistance may be available through other sources e.g. sporting or arts-based organisations, or through education or youth work initiatives. In some circumstances it may be possible to fund part of the cost of activities by 'match funding' with another organisation, or for the young person to contribute themselves.

This list is not exhaustive, and Pathway Plans should take account of individual circumstances when detailing support to be provided. As a general principle any activity which encourages the young person to use their time constructively, promotes a healthy lifestyle, and/or helps the young person develop and maintain positive relationships should be considered within the planning process.

Currently Young people can access £5 per week to support their hobbies, interests and leisure. Any additional expenditure will need to be discussed and agreed with the Leaving Care Team Manager.

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Some young people may have additional needs, or require specialist help and these requirements should be set out in the Pathway Plan.

**Any requests for financial assistance should be taken alongside any additional support that young people may be entitled to from other agencies and services such as the NHS for example.**

Financial assistance may be available from other sources. Where appropriate these should be explored and utilised.

#### **5.4 Support with Contingencies and Emergencies**

Pathway Plans should always contain arrangements for contingencies and emergencies that may arise.

Generally, it is the responsibility of the young person's Personal Adviser, to act as the first point of contact should the unexpected happen or things go wrong.

It is a guiding principle that the Local Authority should act as a good parent in these situations and that there is an understanding that young people do make mistakes, and these should be treated with sensitivity.

Financial support for contingencies can be made in cash or kind with the approval of a Team Manager. Where young people repeatedly abuse contingency provisions, staff should carefully consider other means to ensure that their basic needs are met. The Leaving Care Service may make available food vouchers or emergency food.

Some financial support can be provided for example at times of inclement weather. Any assistance with regards to heating costs etc will be assessed on an individual basis and take into consideration the young person's individual circumstances and take account of their health and well-being.

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**5.5 Birthday Allowances – all categories of care leavers** (excluding Qualifying Young People)

A Birthday allowance of £50 will be paid to care leavers on their 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday (Does not include those who were looked after on the day prior to their 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday). All other Birthday's a £30 allowance will be paid.

17<sup>th</sup> and 18th birthday allowance (Eligible, but living independently)

Payment remains the responsibility of the Children in Care Team with Case holding responsibility and should be made at the normal levels for a looked after child.

**5.6 Festival Allowance – all categories of care leavers** (Excluding Qualifying young people)

Where appropriate, an annual festival allowance will be available to all young people who have left care. The young person should receive £30 cash or a present.

**PART 6 - Care Leavers up to their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday who want to continue to receive the support of the leaving care service.**

From April 2018 there was a change in the law which means that care leavers up to their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday who want to retain the support of the leaving care services can do so. They will be entitled a personal advisor, an assessment of their needs, assistance based on their individual situation.

**PART 7 – Process and Procedure**

7.1 Methods of Payment

Wherever possible, young people's income maintenance should be paid directly into their bank account. The young person should be helped to open a bank account. Bank Accounts should be in place prior to the young person becoming Relevant and Former Relevant.

In exceptional circumstances only where a young person is unable to maintain a bank account, payments can be made via the Quick Cash Voucher (QCV) system. This can only be done when agreed by the Leaving Care Team Manager and will be for a specific time period. Such arrangements may be most appropriate where a young person has poor self-management skills, a chaotic lifestyle, or problems with drugs and alcohol, and may also include payment through the order system, direct to suppliers or use of vouchers. If such a situation exists, the Personal Adviser should liaise with the Leaving Care Team Manager.

The method of payment will be assumed as to be to the young person's bank account unless other arrangements have been agreed.

Payments made with regards to the Young Person's Leaving Care Grant will wherever possible be paid directly to the provider of the goods.

Cash payments will only be made where there is no other method by which to meet the needs of Young People.

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## Appendix A.

## Finance matrix.

	Eligible	Relevant	Former relevant	Qualifying
EET.				
£30 per week equivalent bursary if provider does not pay	Yes	Yes	Yes	Individual assessment
Transport costs to EET if not accessible from other sources.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Individual assessment.
Essential course materials, inc books. HE/ FE and Training. If cannot be sourced elsewhere	Yes	Yes	Yes	Individual assessment
End of Academic year bonus/ Incentive. FE. £100	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
End of academic year bonus Incentive. HE. Yr1 £500, Yr. 2 £500 , Yr. 3 £1000	N/A	N/A	Yes	No
University bursary. £2000.Split over three years and the at the start of each term.	NA	NA	Yes	No
Clothes for interviews	Yes	Yes	Yes	Individually assessed
Accommodation/holiday support for those at university. Individually assessed and recorded	NA	NA	Yes	Yes

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In pathway plan				
Accommodation	Eligible	Relevant	Former relevant	Qualifying.
Suitable Accommodation funded fully by DCC	Yes	Yes	No	No
Assessed and authorised additional support hours	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Staying Put scheme. DCC, Housing Benefit and Young person contribution. Individually assessed and authorised.	NA	NA	Yes	No
Shared lives Scheme. Part paid by Adults services	NA	NA	Yes	No
Support to Former foster carers accommodating HE students during holiday period. Individually assessed and authorised	NA	NA	Yes	No
Leaving care/ Independence Grant	Eligible	Relevant	Former relevant	Qualifying
Entitlement of up to £2000 to support first independent tenancy. Access to some funds can be agreed on an individual basis	No*	Yes	Yes	No
Home Starter Pack. For those moving into their first tenancy. £50 maximum	NA	NA	Yes	No

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Birthdays and festivals	Eligible	Relevant	Former relevant	Qualifying
Birthday 18 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> . £50	NA	NA	Yes	No
Birthdays 16, 17 19, 20 £30	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Christmas. Eid and other festivals. £30	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Young People in custody	Eligible	Relevant	Former Relevant	Qualifying
Financial support for those in custody for those Young people adhering to expectations. £15 per month	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Access to leisure	Eligible	Relevant	Former relevant	Qualifying
Support for activities, hobbies, £5 per week	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Contingency/ emergency / Crisis Payments	Eligible	Relevant	Former relevant	Qualifying
All requests dealt with on an individual basis and can include gas and electric support and contingencies identified in the pathway plan.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Individually assessed.
Maintenance support in lieu of benefits				
Equivalent of JSA/ IS/UC paid to Young	NA	Yes	Yes	No

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people while benefits are being claimed. Young people expected to pay monies back when claim is up and running wherever possible.				
Contact	Eligible	Relevant	Former relevant	Qualifying
Support with costs associated with contact with family and significant others as agreed in the Young person's pathway plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Identity	Eligible	Relevant	Former relevant	Qualifying.
Passports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Individually assessed.
Other forms of ID, e.g. birth certificates	Yes	Yes	Yes	Individually assessed.
Driving lessons.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Any request for support for driving lessons must be contained within the Pathway Plan and authorised by LCT/CiC manager and DHOS in terms of level of contribution	Yes	Yes	Yes	No