

CARE LEAVERS / CARE-EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE PROVISION PAYMENTS & ENTITLEMENTS EXCLUDES FOSTER CARE; from August 2020



TYPE	AMOUNT	CONDITIONS
PERSONAL		
Personal Allowance	£60.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equivalent of Universal Credit (UC) payment which cannot be claimed by Care Leavers. Entitlement paid by Leaving Care up to age 18.
Universal Credit JSA IS	£60.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 18 pay first 4-5 weeks – proof of claim in progress must be obtained Use Leaving Care protocol to set up early claim wherever possible. Not repayable as UC is paid at the end of the 4-5 week initial claim period
Clothing	Up to £500 per Year for under 18s.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs led for all - Per financial year under 18 – Managers discretion Per financial year over 18 – Manager discretion but should come from benefits Receipts to be provided in all instances
EDUCATION TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT		
Education Allowance	Bursary through college	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claim through School when in 6th form or College up to age 19
Starting Work	£60.00 – Same as Enhanced Personal Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the first month until first payment of wages if under 18 - Managers discretion Proof required: Payslip or Bank Statement
Voluntary work, or work Incentive, tasters, trials without wages	£20 per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managers discretion and reviewed regularly. – every 3 months The supplement + £60.00 (If under 18) will be paid for a minimum of 16 hours per week and support with travel – Manager discretion
Equipment for work, training or education Access to IT equipment if not available at home	Varies decided on each application up to £250 Lap top <u>where</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If unavailable from Bursary or provider. Charities and bursaries to be investigated for all items including laptops IT equipment etc Laptops only if applicable for course and IT can -not be accessed elsewhere – Managers discretion Via individual requests, includes work clothing, boots, boiler suits, oilskins

	<u>applicable/available up to £300</u>	uniform, books, stationary, equipment, laptop course fees, study material etc – receipts to be seen - Managers discretion.
Educational trips or activities	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not available from Bursary or grants - Discretion of Manager • Linked to educational or training course or to enhance CV and life skills
HIGHER EDUCATION		
Higher Education-Housing & support	We will pay for accommodation up to £100 rent per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Education student loan must be applied for and other bursaries. Housing Benefit cannot be claimed • Books IT equipment & clothing/uniform etc included in this payment alongside drawing from the student loan and grants from Universities for care leavers • Accommodation will be paid for at place of study or other location – not both
ACCOMMODATION		
Supported Lodgings	<p>IYSS pay rent</p> <p>£20 per week paid by YP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to age 18 • Young people pay £20 per week from Personal Allowance to carer from benefit or wages for food.
Accommodation - Staying Put at age 18 with Foster carers	<p>£200 per week paid to foster carer</p> <p>£20 per week paid by YP to carer</p> <p>+ Housing Benefit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change from Fostering allowance to Supported lodging rate (See Policy and Procedure) Costs will be halved if YP away for more than a week. For example on residential, holiday or volunteer opportunity. • Young people pay £20 per week from Personal Allowance to carer from benefit or wages for food. • Universal Credit (UC) / Housing Benefit (HB) applied for by Young Person with support
Staying Put with Supported Lodgings	As per Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young person still apply for UC/HB and contribute £20
Housing Costs: shared house or affordable flat/bedsit Post 18	First deposit and 1 st month rent advance by Leaving Care. Varies due to market forces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All care leavers to have completed taster flat or/and Pre tenancy course and independence package before tenancy considered. • Housing Benefit must be claimed
Leaving Care Grant	Up to £2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up home grant. Leaving Care Grant held by Leaving Care. Needs led.
TV Licence	Rate changes yearly as published on TV license	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TV Licence for first year of Independence only. • Subsequent TV licences to be purchased by a young person.

	website	
Water rates	First year bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In independence
Council tax relief		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people living in Torbay will be exempted from paying council tax. For those living in another local authority area their council tax bill will be paid.
Support with rent top up post 18	Maximum £25 per week or means tested against bursary or the apprenticeship payment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For full time education Leaving Care may contribute for over 18 to top up of Housing Benefit to maintain stable accommodation - Managers discretion. £100 if on an apprenticeship. Any funds above that will trigger a contribution from them & from Leaving Care for rent top up calculated and agreed between all parties to ensure the equivalent HB rate is paid to the carer.
IDENTITY		
Identity	<p>Birth certificate.</p> <p>Citizen Card</p> <p>Passport.</p> <p>Provisional Driving Licence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All young people to have an original birth certificate 1st choice ID Only if required for approved holiday If required for employment pathway. See also driving lessons conditions. Discuss with Leaving Care Manager
TRAVEL		
Travel via Bus, coach Train or Plane.	Full return ticket dependent on the length of journey. Cheapest and safest option.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If in education/college and apprenticeship/training and cannot access bursary for pass For work tasters, or voluntary work or to attend important appointments IE: Job interviews - Leaving Care Managers discretion Contact with family. - Leaving Care Managers discretion Visits to University to view etc and one per term to return home - Leaving Care Managers discretion Travel to college out of area - Leaving Care Managers discretion
Petrol for Motor Bike/Car	Up to £10 per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> instead of bus pass For work or education purposes If transport used is legal (proof to be provided) and if public transport not available or more costly -

		Leaving Care Managers discretion
EMERGENCIES/CRISIS		
Emergencies/crisis	Use crisis fund to apply for food parcels or emergency funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis & Support fund or food bank must be applied for in first instance - Apply in Connections on computer or Personal Advisor (PA) can apply for as well if no access. • Proof needed that benefit claim is in progress & advance repayable if receive backdated claim (not if on UC) • Only if Crisis & Support fund not available then cash will be considered in emergency - Managers Discretion • P.A. and young person top up electricity key, shop for food & provide a receipt.
ADDITIONAL		
Allowance for birthday and celebration for 16/17 year olds who are not living in foster or residential care	£100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When these payments are not given by the carer such as semi-independent accommodation or supported lodgings a payment of £100 per event will be made. • The social worker will discuss with the young person to ensure it is spent on a present or activity.
Birthday and celebration allowances for 19 th birthday onwards	£20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PA will discuss with the young person to ensure it is spent on a present or activity.
Significant events.	£20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A gift can be purchased for significant event – house warming, celebrating academic success, birth of a child. PA to agree with Leaving Care Manager.
Social and Leisure: Hobbies/Activities	Up to £500 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.G: gym or swimming pool membership - Discretion of Leaving Care Manager • Reviewed via Pathway Plan and all on a case by case basis. • Young people to make contribution to ensure affordability over longer period This could be after an initial period of full support staged to take more responsibility for your own outgoings as you work towards financial independence
Young people will be invited to celebrate their successes at the annual leaving care celebration event		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be held in late June/ July.
Driving Lessons	Lessons amount to be	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If required by your work or part of your career path and linked in pathway plan.

	negotiated usually 5 matched by young person.	Managers Discretion.
Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) for Motorbikes	Test paid for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If parent or/and manager agree and signed written agreement recorded: • Young person must buy the bike and the safety equipment. • If you can afford to insure, tax, MOT and run a bike
Custody	Discretionary one off items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most needs met within establishment – items will be considered if no family support – managers discretion
Entitlements for young parent in parent and baby placement.	Income support + Approximately £71 per week, Child Tax credit of approx £50 per week & child benefit at £20 per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable a full assessment based on entitlement in the community we will pay the equivalent benefit amount to a young parent • This will be for the duration of the placement only – benefits to be claimed after that period

Note: Any single or cumulative amount over £1000 needs to be presented to the appropriate panel for authority to pay

Note: This document applies mainly to Relevant, Former relevant and Eligible care leavers in non statutory accommodation I.E: supported lodgings shared houses etc.

Note: Leaving Care Legal Status Explanation:

Eligible Young People: They are aged 16 or 17, have been **Looked After** for a period or periods totalling at least 13 weeks starting after their 14th birthday and are still in care.

Relevant Young People They are aged 16 or 17 and are no longer Looked After, having previously been in the category of Eligible Young Person when in care.

Former Relevant Young People They are aged 18 to 21 (or up to 24 if in full-time further or higher education), and have left care having been previously either "Eligible", "Relevant" or both. **Qualifying Young People** They are over the age of 16 and under the age of 21, (or up to 24 if in full-time further or higher education), and have been Looked After or, if disabled, have been **Privately Fostered** after reaching 16, but do not qualify as Eligible, Relevant or Former Relevant. They may receive support, advice and assistance wherever they are living. They may also qualify if they are the subject of a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) and were Looked After immediately before the SGO was made See Children Act 1989 V3 (January 2015) Guidance & Regulations Planning Transition to adulthood for care leavers Implementation date 1 April 2011 for full eligibility guidance and duties