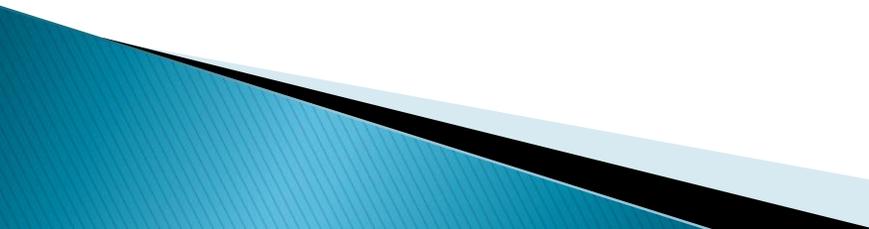


Staying in touch

- ▶ Personal advisors must stay in touch with young people until the young person is 21, or older if they are still in education.
 - ▶ Alongside giving advice and support, and helping the care leaver to get services they need, a care leaver's personal adviser must also carry out Pathway Plan reviews with the young person.
 - ▶ The care leaver must be given a copy, and full explanation, of their assessment and Pathway Plan.
 - ▶ Pathway Plans must be reviewed at least every six months. They must also be reviewed whenever the care leaver asks for one (their personal adviser or the council can also decide to call a review whenever they think one is needed).
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Personal Advisors

- ▶ Care leavers up to age 25 who tell their council that they have returned, or want to return, to education or training, will be able to get support from a personal adviser while they are on their course (if the course is agreed in their pathway plan).
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Accommodation

- ▶ councils must listen to the views of young people about the accommodation they want. What the local authority needs to consider are listed in the Regulations.
- The care leaver's personal adviser must visit young people in their accommodation within a week of them moving in, and at least every two months after that, and whenever their Pathway Plan is going to be reviewed

Care Leavers Grant

- ▶ Setting up home allowances (also known as ‘leaving care grants’), are crucial in helping young people establish their identity and independence.
- ▶ These should be used to make sure that care leavers have what they need to set up safe, secure and stable accommodation.
- ▶ Care leavers can ask their authority for **£2,000** for the setting up home allowance.

Education

- ▶ Local authorities must pay the Higher Education Bursary of **£2,000** to all eligible care leavers going on to university, or higher education.
- ▶ 16–19 Bursary scheme. Care leavers should get a guaranteed **£1,200** bursary from school or college if they stay in full-time education.
- ▶ For advice speak to student support services or your tutor, or go to www.direct.gov.uk/16-19bursary