

# LEAVING CARE SERVICE

## EXIT INTERVIEW RESULTS

2016

35 Young People completed the EXIT interview during 2016. Below is some demographic information of those completing the survey:-

Age at completing survey	Gender
17 years (4)	Male (14) 40%
18 years (1)	Female (21) 60%
20 years (21)	
21 years (6)	
22 years (2)	
Blank (1)	

Ethnicity	Total Number
White English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	22
Asian or Asian British Pakistani	3
Mixed White / Asian	3
Prefer not to say	2
Mixed White / Black African	1
Other	1
Asian or Asian British Indian	1
Asian or Asian British Other	1
Mixed Other	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>35</b>

As in previous years most young people moved into the Leaving Care Service at the age of 16.

4 Young Person out of 35 stated they had a disability

11 Young People are Parents.

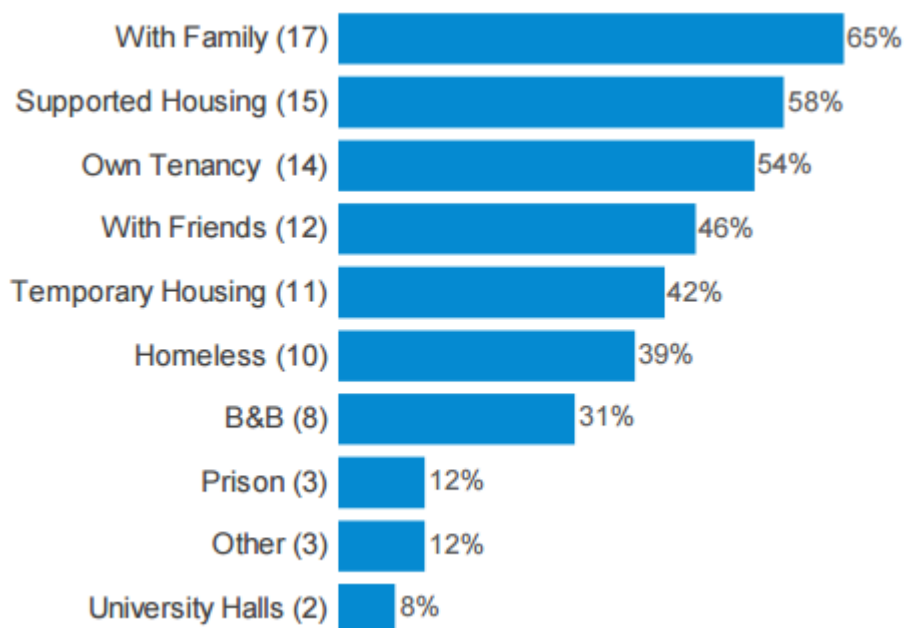
### **Accommodation**

#### ***Current Housing Situation***

The majority of Young People at the time of the interview were living in their Own Tenancy or living with Family. 5 Young People were in Supported Housing, 2 were in Halls of Residence and 1 was Staying Put with Foster Carers.

The below graph shows the types of accommodation a Young Person had lived in at some point since they became independent.

### Accommodation since becoming Independent



The majority of Young People had **at some time** stayed with family, had their own tenancy or been in Supported Housing.

Of the Young People questioned the **best accommodation** they had lived in was their Own Tenancy because they had felt they had their own personal place and independence.

Some Young People also stated that Supported Housing was good since the staff were very supportive, friendly and caring

The **worst accommodation** according to the Young People questioned was being Homeless and living in a B&B. This they felt was "**a bad start to life**". Also Young People felt that Supported housing accommodation wasn't very good since they have to "**follow the rules**".

### EET/NEET

Of the 35 Young People questioned:-

22 are Unemployed of which 8 are parents  
6 in Full time Employment – with 1 YP doing an online Business Management Degree  
2 in Part Time Employment  
2 in Higher Education  
8 in Training  
1 Work Experience

3 Young People were also involved in voluntary work.

## ***Qualifications/Achievements***

The majority of Young People have obtained GCSE's and a few went on to do A levels and a Degree course. Only 3 Young People stated they had no qualifications.

<b>Snap Shot of Qualifications</b>
Degree
A Levels
GCSE
NVQ
BTEC
Health and Social care level 2
Princes Trust
Stonham HAPS
Food Hygiene
Welding and Fabrication
Bricklaying

## ***Health***

All Young people besides 1 were registered with a GP, however only 20 were registered with a Dentist. 21 Young People were also registered with an Optician. Most of the Young People felt they were able to make appointments for themselves.

## ***Support Networks***

Young people were asked who they were still in contact with. A high proportion of the Young People were in contact with Siblings, CRW/Social Workers and Friends. Also a number were in contact with Extended family and Parents.

Other professionals Services Young People were in contact with include:-

Mental Health Services  
Child Services  
Victim Support  
GP  
Drug Services  
Adult services

### Emotional Well Being

Over the last 6 months 5 Young People have felt Very Unhappy but the majority of the Young People felt a combination of both Happy and Unhappy and felt they were able to make lasting friendships.

Most Young People felt they could cope in a crisis, or would at least know where to go for help.

### Hobbies and Leisure Activities

Below are some of the hobbies the Young People are involved in.



### **Future Plans and concerns**

The Young People were asked what plans they had for the future. Below are some of the most common answers.

- Finding a Job
- Volunteer Abroad
- Secure Place to live / buy own home
- Contact with brother
- Provide Stable home for children
- Get Married
- Further Study
- Expand Business
- Clear Debts
- Get Married
- Re-apply for Army
- Go on holiday
- Get Driving License
- Travel
- Own Salon

The majority of Young People weren't too concerned about the future but those that were; the main concern was to find employment and permanent accommodation.

### **Service from Leaving Care**

The majority of Young people were given the opportunity to be involved with the service and its development. Some took up this opportunity and helped with the Children in Care Council, Brathay Trust, Interviewing Staff and volunteering. However some Young People decided not to get involved or found it too far to attend from where they lived.

83% of the Young People did not have a volunteer whilst with the Leaving Care Service.

14 Young People had used Viewpoint, with only 8 giving it a rating of **5 stars** and above.

### Experiences whilst with Leaving Care

Young People rated the service they received from Leaving Care at **6 stars** and above. The word cloud below shows some of the things they said about their experience.



The majority of Young People didn't think that there was anything they would change with the service they received from Leaving Care. However below are a few comments from those who did.

- **Employ more workers like Yvonne**
- **21 too young to close case, should be 25yrs**
- **Too many questions when buying items for the home.**
- **Supervised spend – didn't like it.**
- **More Organised with Planning with the Young Person**

Further Comments from the Young People

