

Report of the Deputy Director (Children's Social Care) to the meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel to be held on 9 July 2018

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Subject:

Progress report on Outcomes for Care Leavers

Summary statement:

- **Improving Support For Young People in Care/Care Leavers – Progress Report (to cover progress on implementation of recommendations including information on actions proposed and timescale)**

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Portfolio:

**Children's Services
Overview & Scrutiny Area:**

Children's Services

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Bradford Through Care Service has now been a functioning service for a year; embedded within this service is Bradford's offer for Care Leavers up to 25.
- 1.2 Following presentation by the Future Leaders on 13th September 2017 the recommendations have been brought in service to lead and take forward.
- 1.3 The Bradford Care Leavers Local Offer work is now mid way through, engagement of the Corporate Parenting Panel is welcomed.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Future Leaders presented a report to Corporate Parenting Panel in September 2017 and this is how Through Care Service have taken forward.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Care Leavers Local Offer.

- 3.1 It is now a requirement that each Local Authority publish their local offer to Care Leavers.
- 3.2 Through Care would like to take this opportunity to discuss and agree Bradford's Corporate Parenting Principles for Care Leavers which will be fed into Bradford's Local Offer for Care leavers. Below is a copy of the national principles published by the DfE in February 2018

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/683698/Applying_corporate_parenting_principles_to_looked-after_children_and_care_leavers.pdf

A Local Offer for Care Leavers Corporate Parenting Principles

- 3.3 In order to thrive, children and young people have certain key needs that good parents generally meet. The corporate parenting principles set out seven principles that local authorities must have regard to when exercising their functions in relation to looked after children and young people, as follows:
 - To act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and wellbeing of those children and young people
 - To encourage those children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings
 - To take into account the views, wishes and feelings of those children and young people
 - To help those children and young people gain access to, and make the best use of, services provided by the Local Authority and its relevant partners
 - To promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes for those children and young people

- For those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work and;
 - To prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living
- 3.4 One of the strands of the Local Offer is to have a published set of entitlements that Care Leaving young people can access. See Appendix 2.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 Numbers of Looked after Children are rising in Bradford which continues to have a significant resources issues for Childrens Services and Through Care.
- 4.2 We are likely to see a year on year increase on the numbers of over 21 year olds accessing the service, at the moment we have 39 which in real terms equates to one workers case load. At the moment this is absorbed with the service, however, resources may need to be adjusted in the future.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

N/A

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

N/A

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

N/A

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

N/A

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

N/A

7.6 TRADE UNION

N/A

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

N/A

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committee only)

N/A

7.9 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

The report highlights the excellent progress in the Through Care Service to improve the Corporate Parenting offer to young people in the care of the Local Authority in Bradford.

7.10 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A privacy impact assessment covering Childrens Specialist Services has been completed and is accessible on Bradnet.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

N/A

9. OPTIONS

N/A

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

The views of the Corporate Parenting Panel are requested, regarding support in place for Care Leavers and Bradford Care Leavers Local Offer.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Achievements for Bradford Care Leavers – July 2017 – July 2018
Appendix 2 - Care Leaver Entitlements/Financial Policies and Procedures.

APPENDIX 1**Achievements for Bradford Care Leavers July 2017 to July 2018.**

Area	Achievements	Statistics Snap shot July 2018
Demographics	Total Total number of cases in TC 921	495 Care Leavers (CL)in TC 288 CL 18+ in TC 39 21 to 25+ in TC Heritage: White British 61% Asian/British 10.5% Mixed Heritage 14% Black/Black British 3% Other White Groups 6.3% Other 3.4%
Education	LEAP is a in house education provision for Young People who are NEET and young people who have been out of main stream school. 3x18 week courses have been delivered with 38 young people finishing with accreditation. Aspirations event in July planned in partnership with Bradford College. Representation at Attendance Strategy meeting. More robust links with Bradford University planning practical events for primary age children.	Number of care leavers 16/17 in EET: 79.4% Number of care leavers 18 to 20 EET 57.52% Number of care leavers 16 to 20 EET 66.6% Number of care leavers engaging in PEP 92% 26 young people at university
Youth Homelessness	YH – Youth Homelessness – a dedicated team for 16-17 homeless young people, this team also provide a drop in for all post 21 young people. More medication with families and signposting to early help for family support.	43 Open cases currently being actively worked within Youth Homeless Team 139 Contacts 33 Homelessness assessments completed (joint housing and children's assessments)

	<p>Through Put of work – young person in crisis into independent living.</p> <p>Robust partnership working.</p> <p>Proud and passionate Team</p>													
In-Touch	OC3 return is a snap shot of a care leaver at 19	87% of Care Leavers are in touch. OC3 rtn 2018												
Participation	<p>We have a dedicated participation worker who co-ordinates the CiCC and drives a co-production model of working.</p> <p>Consistent attendance of 10 to 12 young people at CiCC.</p> <p>CiCC co-ordinate and deliver high quality young peoples panels for all resources interviews.</p> <p>CiCC deliver high quality fostering training.</p> <p>CiCC are a cohesive group of people, the on-going influence of peers and professionals that results in many CiCC members gaining confidence and experience. CiCC see young people bloom into accessing careers and living more fulfilling lives. Young People report to us that CiCC was a significantly contributing factor to their success.</p>													
16 plus Placements	<p>Stepping Stones – continues to attract more providers - 5 households being assessed or waiting to be assessed</p> <p>Staying Put numbers have significantly increased.</p> <p>Significant reduction of numbers of young people in external purchased placements.</p> <p>Bradford 16+ Commissioning Framework is being developed to go live in December 2018.</p> <p>4 In-house commissioned services being managed and developed.</p>	<p>185 over 16's are in their own tenancy</p> <p>11 Young people are in Shared Lives placements</p> <p>54 young people in Staying Put placements</p> <p>16 Young People in Stepping Stones placements.</p> <p>10 young people have been settled for 12 months or more</p> <p>11 young people in custody</p> <table><tr><th>Age range (Current placements)</th><th>16+</th></tr><tr><td>Number of YOUNG PEOPLE in Secure placements</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Number of YOUNG PEOPLE in Residential placements</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>Number of YOUNG PEOPLE in 16+ placements</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>Number of YOUNG PEOPLE in IFA placements</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>Total in purchased placements</td><td>33</td></tr></table>	Age range (Current placements)	16+	Number of YOUNG PEOPLE in Secure placements	0	Number of YOUNG PEOPLE in Residential placements	11	Number of YOUNG PEOPLE in 16+ placements	9	Number of YOUNG PEOPLE in IFA placements	12	Total in purchased placements	33
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	Jumpstart – pre-tenancy commissioned service and taster flat embedded in service.	82.35% Care Leavers living in suitable accommodation.
Group Work	<p>Cook and Eat – cooking on a budget</p> <p>Be Fit</p> <p>Girls groups - CSE early intervention 15 have attended in total</p> <p>Smooth It Out Group – transitions support 19 have attended</p> <p>Head Space – equine therapy. (CRW now accessing training in equine assisted learning) 5 young people worked with intensely.</p>	
Contact	Development session looking at improved ways of delivering contact	4242.5 hours of contact delivered this year – across Looked After Children and Care Leavers
Celebration of Achievements	<p>Monthly achievement awards 13 awards given since March 2018.</p> <p>Annual Education celebration event, 80 awards given 45 children and young people attended.</p> <p>Christmas Party 90 young people attended.</p> <p>Care Leavers Event 100+ young people attended 80 were given awards for their achievements throughout the year.</p> <p>Dragon Boat Event.</p>	
Partnership working	<p>Centrepont – supported tenancies scheme, approved pre tenancy support, taster flat experience, 2 therapeutic 6 bedded community living projects. 2 staying close flats.</p> <p>Horton Housing – supported living 9 bedded unit and 9 bedded hostel. 2 staying close flats. 12 bedded UASC assessment group living.</p>	

	<p>Housing Options – Joint Homeless assessments, priority status for care leavers.</p> <p>16-2-25 – Benefit and budgeting support</p> <p>Department of Work and Pensions – co production model we are supporting training of their staff and they are supporting us training our staff. Young people being at the heart of DWP training. Bradford is moving to going live with universal Credit – there is now a shared understanding of each of our worlds.</p> <p>2 Care Leavers nurses embedded in the service</p> <p>Adult Pathways work has shown significant improvements and working together.</p> <p>Virtual School – is based within the service.</p> <p>A bespoke volunteering service with 10 assessed and trained volunteers to work with 16+</p> <p>NSPCC – Aims assessments joint working on-going.</p>	
Therapeutic Social Workers	<p>TSW - We have a team of dual qualified therapeutic social workers (5)</p> <p>1 AMHP qualified worker.</p> <p>Plan of work to start implementation in July 2018</p>	
SAR	<p>Subject Access specialist post created – working extremely well – feedback positive, no breaches of Data this year.</p> <p>Young People are positive about 1 dedicated worker supporting them accessing their care history.</p>	
UASC	<p>Shared learning around triple planning, age assessments, Significant progress with an accommodation pathway</p>	<p>17 under 18 UASC</p> <p>30 over 18's UASC</p>

	<p>Significant progress with an education pathway.</p> <p>Good links with Migration Yorkshire and partnership working across Yorkshire and Humberside.</p> <p>Jointly funded post to be placed in Bradford Through Care – advert completed.</p>	
Local Offer	<p>Planned completion October 2018.</p> <p>Planning for website in place.</p> <p>Consultation completed with IRO's/CICC/Service, planned for foster carers and partner agencies.</p> <p>Corporate parenting principals to be discussed at July CPP.</p> <p>Council Tax exemptions in place</p> <p>Free Gym membership embedded in practice.</p> <p>Apprenticeship 'offer' on-going progress senior leaderships team in support.</p> <p>CICC regularly attend corporate parenting panel.</p> <p>Participation apprentice to be advertised in Summer 2018</p> <p>Admin social media apprentice to be advertised July 2018.</p>	
Finances	<p>Financial Policies and procedures have been reviewed and finalised.</p> <p>Housing Benefit re-coup highest ever.</p> <p>2 small grants were bid for and successfully given (Be Fit and Dragon Boat)</p>	

Future Leaders Work

Since the Future Leaders presented at the Corporate Parenting Panel in September 2017, circumstances have meant that streams of work identified by them for Care Leavers have come into service to take forward and implement.

Updates taken from the Minutes (3 recommendations to take forward)

Recommendation 1

To support the development of the LAC communication plan working the LAC young people and key players – liaise with Emma Collingwood:

- Social media, Twitter, What's app, Face Book
- Other ways of communicating with young people
- Communication plans that meet everyone's needs
- Not timely to get information onto Council pages
- Access to information as and when needed
- Young Person's App
- Extended to over 25's.

Future Leaders to support corporately – to launch October half term (National Care Leavers Week).

Update

Through Care are working jointly with IT and Marketing to develop the 'Local Offer' website. Funding has been committed to this project to develop properly, planning is well underway, 4 young people have been identified to build and design the website. All information on the Care Leavers offer rights and entitlements will be on the website.

Bradford Care Leavers now have access to Twitter and Facebook.

In conjunction with the website being built young people aged 16 plus will be given an on-off smart phone alongside workers being given tablets to facilitate digital and social communication.

Bradford Through Care Service is now up to 25. 39 young people are accessing this.

Recommendation 2

Gym membership cards for over 14's rolled out the leisure card for LAC is in process and requires sign off by Senior Management. Further scoping has been undertaken with regards to culture and retail offer.

Future Leaders to continue to explore with LAC children.

Update

Gym membership is now embedded within our service offer and has been received extremely positively by young people.

Recommendation 3

To be discussed with LAC if this is an event which they would be interested in.

There should be more engagement with young people to attend many of Bradford Events – links with communication plans.

That apprenticeships and shadowing opportunities for LAC should be offered by all Council Departments – Apprenticeship Worker already available in Through Care Services.

Organisations willing to do apprenticeships- training needed, options for accommodation linked to this at Culture Fusion.

Future Leaders to meet with Emma Collingwood to take forward.

Update

Through Care in partnership with Safer Communities Fund completed some targeted work with a group of young people with the end result being that they successfully entered and won both of their races in the Dragon Boat festival.

Through Care are linked into Bradford Literacy Festival, we have received free tickets for different events and workshops.

Through Care received free pantomime tickets from the Alhambra facilitated by the Chief Executives Office.

Work is on going regarding apprenticeships, discussions have taken place within the Cross Department Equalities Group to take forward traineeships/work experience opportunities across the Council using Equality Legislation proactively for Care Leavers.

A Care Leaver admin apprenticeship post has been created jointly between Fostering and Through Care to work on the Local Offer, foster carer recruitment and social media.

A Care Leaver Participation apprentice to be based within the Through Care Service will be recruited to this summer.

Workstreams and planning is in place for Through Care to approach private sector employees directly to promote opportunities for Care Leavers within their organisation.

Appendix 2

Care Leaver Entitlements/Financial Policies & Procedures



Bradford Through Care Service
Financial Policies and Procedures
April 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Bradford Looked After Childrens Service and Leaving Care merged in July 2017 to become the Through Care Service. Research is clear that the most significant impact on Looked After Children outcomes is a relationship based service. This is Through Care's ambition and drive that all our children and young people will have a service where they have the opportunity to form meaningful relationships from initially entering the looked after process to becoming sustainable achieving citizens within their communities.

*"In order to develop normally, a child requires progressively more complex joint activity with one or more adults who have an irrational emotional relationship with the child. **Somebody's got to be crazy about that kid. That's number one. First, last and always**"* Bronfenbrenner quoted by Dez Holmes of Research in Practice.

1.2 We strive to provide the same sort of support to our care experienced children and young people that most children and young people would expect from a reasonable parent.

1.3 All payments to children and young people will be done so in line with care planning and pathway planning processes. Managers within the service have the powers to override or use discretion regarding any payment at any point based on the evidence presented to them at that point in time, for example an immediate change in circumstances.

1.4 All children living in 'Care' placements, (Children Act 1989, Volume 2:care planning, placement and case review) will receive payments as detailed in relevant Policy and Procedure. See Tri-ex or via the Virtual School Pupil Premium Plus (PPP) powers. Including but not exclusive to, birthday and festival payments, celebration of a child's achievements including education achievements, transport costs, promotion of independence associated costs, pocket money etc

1.5 Bradford Through Care Service promotes young people remaining in their 'Care' placement for as long as possible however from the age of 16 a young person may move out of their 'Care' placement, and into post 16 accommodation, from this point these Leaving Care entitlements apply. (Children Leaving Care Act 2000 and Care Leavers (England) regulations 2010)

2. Young people who have financial entitlements within the Through Care Service

Child Looked After CLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A court order which says Childrens services should look after a child • parents or a young person (aged 16 or 17) agree that Childrens Services should look after them (S20) • a young person aged between 12 and 17 who is in secure remand, in a secure children home a secure training centre or a young offenders institute on remand (see LAPSO)
Eligible E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • looked after; and • aged 16 or 17; and • were looked after over 13 weeks (or periods amounting to 13 weeks) which began after 14 and ended after 16
Relevant R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no longer looked after but previously Eligible: and • aged 16 or 17 • were looked after for at least 13 weeks (or periods amounting to 13 weeks) which began after 14
Former Relevant FR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are 18 to 21 and have previously been Relevant or Eligible • Older than 21, still in education and have a pathway plan
Post 21 Former Relevant PFR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously Former Relevant, post 21 assessed to be in need
Qualifying Q	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 but under 21; and • looked after immediately prior to making of a Special Guardianship Order which was enforce when 18: or • Previously Privately Fostered and assessed to be in need • left care on or after 16 and were looked after for less than 13 weeks after 14 • Relevant and returned home for 6 months or more
Youth Homeless YH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 or 17 and assessed to be in need • Need somewhere to live as no identified adults who can provide safe accommodation
Immigration Support IS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC) • Young people without British Citizenship (EEA) • Young refugees
LAPSO (Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child aged 10 to 17 whom is remanded to Local Authority Care becomes a Looked After Child. • If remanded for 13 weeks or more aged 16/17, they automatically become and eligible Care Leaver

3. Care and Pathway Planning

All CLA planning will be detailed within a living, evolving care planning process which prioritises permanency and aspirational outcomes for children whom are looked after. This Care Plan is the responsibility of the named social worker but will include all the views of the professional team around the child and the child and parents (unless exceptional circumstances) of the child whom the plan is about. The Care Plan is supported by the child or young person's Personal Education Plan, both documents are ratified and reviewed by the IRO through the looked after reviewing process.

For all E, R, Q and IS the Pathway Plan replaces the Care plan and **must be completed alongside the young person** by the time they reach 16 years of age. The Pathway Plan like the Care Plan is the responsibility of the named social worker or community resource worker for Q, FR, PFR but will include all the views of the professional team around the child and the child and parents (unless exceptional circumstances) of the child whom the plan is about. Financial entitlement given to FR, PFR, and post 18 Q and IS will be detailed within a Pathway Planning process and endorsed by a Through Care Team Manager.

Pathway Plan part 1 will be an initial needs assessment, completed via the Outcome Star tool.

As a minimum this process will include;

- A base line assessment of a young person views and feelings regarding leaving their 'care' placement and beginning the process and preparation of leaving care.
- A Through Care Worker will discuss as a minimum; accommodation, education, training and employment, health and wellbeing, finances, relationships with family and friends, community participation, hobbies, identity and contingency planning.
- At the point of a young person completing Pathway Plan part 1, they will have; a bank account
Photographic ID
National Insurance number
Copy of Birth Certificate
Copies of family photos
Know how to find out their care story
Know how to get independent advice
Know what to do if they are unhappy
Know their leaving care entitlements and Local Offer available to them.

Every 6 months until agreed the Pathway Plan will be reviewed and will be a process involving the young person as outlined above. Up to 18 this will be endorsed by an Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO), post 18 a Through Care Team Manager.

Post 21 if a young person wishes to access Bradford Through Care Service support, a targeted Pathway Plan will be completed detailing specific needs of that young person. This plan will be reviewed every 6 months or until needs are met whichever is sooner.

Financial entitlements will be detailed as part of the Care Planning or Pathway Planning process. All payments will be made to individuals via BACS processes and only in exceptional circumstances cash payments may be paid.

4. Children Looked After

For all CLA payments made must be detailed within either the child's Care Plan or Personal Education Plan if appropriate.

As detailed in section 1.4 children in 'Care' placement receive the majority of payments via the placement where they are being cared for or school setting. However there are payments that are made at the discretion of the Through care Service. These are detailed below.

Who	What	Conditions
CLA, E,R	Support for family time (contact) All travel costs for family members will be reimbursed after receipts have been provided or at 20per mile. All contacts will be minimal costs, drinks for staff involved and children/parents. (receipts to be provided) Contribution for up to 2 celebration activity based contacts per year – amount to determined as reasonable by Through Care Team Manager	Detailed in child's care plan and with authorisation of a Through Care Team Manager.
CLA, E, R	Contributions to promotion child, young persons accessing their chosen hobbies in exceptional circumstances (beyond what is paid by the carer if in care placement)	Detailed in child's care plan or pathway plan with authorisation of a Through Care Service Manager
CLA, E, R	Contributions to support child, young person in their care placement access education. (must evidence how support has been accessed via PPP or bursary first).	Detailed in child's care plan or pathway plan with authorisation of a Through Care Service Manager
CLA, E, R	Photographic ID (Passport or National Identity card) To be sought at point of leaving care placement	Authorised by Through Care Team Manager
CLA, E, R	Support of life story work	Authorised by Through Care Team Manager

5. Income Maintenance

Who	What	Conditions
R, E, IS	£60 per week	Completion of Pathway Plan and engagement in Education, Training and Employment
R, E, IS	£35 per week	NEET for 4 weeks or more. Meeting with Team Manager to be included in this process.
YH	£35 per week	2 weeks only, in lieu of welfare benefit claim.
FR, Q	£35 per week	2 weeks only, in lieu of welfare benefit claim.
LAPSO	£10 per month/stamps	Paid whilst on remand and post sentencing if still in a young person institution. Upon sentencing and in an adult prison payments stop. Team Manager discretion of there is no family contact.

NOTES

- All payments to be made into a young persons bank account
- By 17 years payments to be made every two weeks to young people in line with Universal Credit, at 17.5 payments to be made monthly.
- Minimum (hardship) Income Maintenance payment is £35 per week
- Emergency payments paid at £5 per day
- Expectation that all young people pay back emergency payments.

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6. Time to Celebrate

Who	What	Conditions
R, E, IS, YH, Q, FR, PFR	£10 festival payments with card	Authorised by Through Care team Manager
R, E, IS, YH, Q, FR, PFR	£10 birthday payment 18 th birthday £50 and discretionary celebration event with worker 21 st birthday £50 and discretionary celebration event with worker	Authorised by Through Care team Manager
R, E, IS, Q, FR, PFR	Celebration of Education achievements Discretion of £10 to £50 dependent on achievement	Authorised by Through Care Team Manager Payments are made to young people living in a none care placement
FR	Celebration of graduation from University Up to £200	Receipts required
CLA, R, E, IS, YH, Q, FR, PFR	Monthly 'Young Achiever' awards £10	Nominated by worker

NOTE

- If young person in custody birthday payment is £10 regardless of age.

7. Corporate Parent payments

Who	What	Conditions
FR, & Q (Bradford residents)	Exemption from Council Tax payments	Consent to share details of Care leavers status to Bradford Council Tax department
CLA, E, R, FR, IS, YH, Q	Free gym membership	Must have letter from service

NOTE

- Previous arrears that a young person has accrued prior to April 2018 are the responsibility of the young person.

8. Accommodation

Who	What	Conditions
R, E, IS	Full rental costs up to the level of Local Housing Benefit rates (*local average £60 to £80pw)	Completion of Pathway Plan. If Private landlord, Housing Suitability Assessment must be completed prior to payment.
IS	Post 18 full rental costs up to the level of Local Housing Benefit rates (*local average £60 to £80 pw)	Completion of Pathway Plan If Private landlord, Housing Suitability Assessment must be completed prior to payment.
R, E, IS	If earning over £100 per week a young person will be expected to contribute to their rent.	
FR, PFR	Post 18 full rental costs up to the level of Local Housing Benefit rates (*local average £60 to £80 pw)	In Full time Higher or Further Education If Private landlord, Housing suitability Assessment must be completed prior to payment.
YH	First payment of rent may be paid on behalf of a young person awaiting benefits, in exceptional circumstances and will be repaid by the young person.	Authorisation by Through Care Team Manager
R, E, IS, CLA	Initial placement with connected person, friend or family member £20 per week – emergency pre viability assessment	Completion of viability assessment before further payments made. Authorisation of Team Manager
FR	Retention payment of £50 per week for young people at University to Steeping Stones or Staying Put provider	Completion of Pathway Plan.
FR	Contribution towards summer vacation accommodation for young people at university. At local average rate.	Completion of Pathway Plan

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NOTES

- When a payment is made to a private individual a Housing Suitability Assessment must be completed prior to the payment being made.
- Damages are the responsibility of the young person
- Through Care are NOT responsible for service charges or arrears as a result of none-payment of service charges.
- Young Person contributions

£101.00 - £120.00 pw	£20 pw
£121.00 - £140.00 pw	£30 pw
£141.00 - £160.00 pw	£40 pw
£161.00 - £180.00 pw	£50 pw
£181.00 - £200.00 pw	£60 pw
£200 plus	£70 pw (max contribution)

9. Setting Up Home

Who	What	Conditions
E, R, FR, IS, PFR	Setting Up Home Allowance Up to £1300 or £1000* Guidance; up to 18 £300 18 to 21 - £700 Post 21 to 25 £300	Completion of Pathway Plan. Completion of Suitability of Accommodation, if private tenancy. Supervised spend. Furniture, fittings, and household items. Can be used for bonds, TV licence and insurance.
E, R, FR	Discretionary Bond payments (average £350 to £400)	Authorised by Through Care Team Manager on completion of Suitability of Accommodation. Must be paid back by young person. Appendix 1
E, R, FR, IS	Independence Top-up £10 per week	Young person must be paying utility bills, can be advanced for up to 6 weeks, can be saved as per young persons wishes.
YH	One off setting up home of up to £200. Discretion if carpets needed up to £150	Based on assessment of need – authorised by Through Care Team Manager
Q	One off setting up home of up to £200. Discretion if carpets needed up to £150	Based on assessment of need – authorised by Through Care Team Manager

*If young person has been part of Jumpstart scheme, setting up home grant reduces to £1000.

NOTES

- It is the Through Care workers responsibility to get maximum value for money on behalf of the young person and therefore are encouraged to approach charities especially for white goods.
- Young People with learning disabilities who are in a long term care setting will be discussed on a case by case basis between the worker and Team Manager.

10. Education, Training and Employment

Who	What	Conditions
CLA, E, R, FR, IS, YH, Q	£10 Training Incentive	Post 16 education Paid in arrears subject to attendance of a 16+ hours a week course
CLA, E, R, FR, IS, YH, Q	Up to £40 training incentive if attending LEAP.	£5 per day attendance £5 per day engagement
CLA, E, R, FR, IS, Q	Weekly bus pass.	Education, Training and apprenticeships on proof of attendance. Team Manager to use some discretion regarding use of metro card as an incentive regarding overall engagement with the service.
E, R, FR, CLA, YH, IS, Q	16 to 19 Bursary Fund – Up to £1200	As per institution specific. See link below for advice
E, R, FR, CLA, YH, IS, Q	16 to 19 Bursary Fund discretionary payments to meet individual needs, transport, meals, books and equipment	As per education institution. See link below for advice
YH	Half fare bus pass	Must be in training, paid in arrears subject to attendance
E, R, FR, CLA, YH, IS, Q	Up to £30 support with interview clothing	Proof of interview to be given by young person

NOTES

- Training incentive is NOT paid to young people in receipt of an education bursary or on LEAP course
- Training incentive can be paid whilst young person is waiting for education bursary.
- Metro cards are not paid if young people are in receipt of an education bursary.
- LEAP attendees are able to be reimbursed for bus fares on proof of bus ticket. Payment in arrears.
- The above is working on a principal that all young people in education or employment are eligible for bursary and this covers course related equipment including laptops. Managers discretion maybe used for individual circumstances.
- Young People in apprenticeships earning less than £100 per week – discretion around topping up and a bus pass.

11. University Support / FR Post 21

Who	What	Conditions
FR	Higher Education Bursary £2000 Spread across all of degree	Completion of Pathway plan and engagement with University Worker
FR	Contribution to living costs £40 per week	Progress through degree course must be demonstrated
FR	Contribution towards keeping in touch with your family up to 2 times a year	Authorisation by team Manager
FR	Support with getting your belongings to and from University	Request to come through University Support Worker
FR	Support can be given for post 21 young people re-entering education following an application to the Through Care Management Team. Discussed on a case by case basis.	Assessment of need.

NOTE

- Must be applied along side university leaflet.

12. Added Extras/Extra Information

Who	What	Conditions
R, E, FR, Q, YH, IS	Discretionary payment of up to £50 to support pregnant young people with clothing	Authorised by Through Care Team Manager Proof of pregnancy and engagement with service.
R, E, FR, Q, YH, IS, PFR	Capital income: Up to £6000 disregarded (assistance given) Over £16000 no payments to be made. Between £6000 and £16000 young people to contribute assessed on a case by case basis	Authorisation of Through Care Service Manager
R, E	Criminal Compensation (CICA) Disregarded	Through care workers responsibility to ensure financial advice is sought for young person
R, E, FR, Q, YH	Personal Independence Payment (PIP) If child or young person is in receipt of this payment consideration made to contribution to care or promotion of mobility.	Authorisation of Through Care Service Manager
IS, CLA, R, E	Payment to support a CLA obtaining citizenship	Authorisation by Service Manager
R, E, FR, Q, IS, YH	Support for clothing up £60 per year	Based on engagement with the service. Authorisation by Team Manager
YH	Emergency clothing up to £60 – one off payment, on presentation of homelessness	Authorisation by Team Manager
IS	Emergency clothing up to £300 – one off payment, on initial presentation to Bradford.	Authorisation by Team Manager
R, E, FR, PFR, Q, YH, IS	Emergency Payments	Authorisation by Service Manager
R, E, FR, PFR, Q, YH, IS	Money for a drink for child/young person and Through Care Worker	To support direct work and relationship building. Authorisation by team Manager.

13. Additional Support Services that can be accessed by all.

24 hour support via Emergency Duty team 01274 431010
 Free phone 0800 6940276
 Laundry facilities – Odsal and Shipley site
 Free IT – Odsal and Shipley site
 Free food – Odsal and Shipley site
 Open access to a duty worker afternoons only Shipley, Odsal and Culture Fusion
 Access to all Groups/Activities run by the Through Care Service
 Drop-in services to access health support and benefit support.
 Free Gym membership (post 16)
 Mobile phone

14. Useful Information

Through Care budget code: RDGV

Immigration Budget code: RDGS

University budget code: RFJF

All health associated costs are free or heavily subsidised on completion of a HC1 (SC) or HC11 (post 18)

Bursary information:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-bursary-fund-guide-2017-to-2018-academic-year>

White Goods: Buttle Trust and Glasspool <https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/>

Housing Options: 01274 435999

Welfare Benefit claims

For DWP purposes the 'Responsible Authority' is the Council which last 'Looked After' the child or young persons.

Workers responsibility to ensure young person is 'flagged' with DWP as a Care Leaver. Young person's consent needed.

All claims for Universal Credit to be submitted to DWP 2 weeks prior to a young person turning 18

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit>

Food banks

The Trussell Trust Food Bank – 01274 734314

Bradford Central Foodbank

<https://bradfordcentralfoodbank.org.uk>

Bradford Food Bank

www.bradfordfoodbank.com

Catch 22 – Wide ranging provision delivers holistic support to looked after children and care leavers whilst in care and once they have left care to improve their life chances.

www.catch-22.org.uk

Shelter – Shelter gives practical housing advice and support online, in person and by phone.

<http://england.shelter.org.uk>

Coram Voice – children and young peoples national advocacy service.

www.coramvoice.org.uk

The Care leavers Association – national organisation campaigning for Care leavers Rights.

www.careleavers.com