

Find out inside about the support you can receive which is part of Hartlepool's Care leaver offer



If you need more information we are here to help. Please...

Just Ask

Health & Wellbeing

Education & Training

Employment

Participation in Society

Relationships and Plans

Housing



Contact Us

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Support for Care Leavers



Here are some areas of support available to you



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Education and Training



You can receive a bursary of up to £1,200 if you stay in full time education. This will be through your education provider.

You can receive a bursary of up to £2,000 if you go to university or other higher education.

You can receive support for payment of a UCAS application form.

You can receive an allowance if you attend training full time.

You have a worker who is there to support you to look for education and training options including support for CV writing and preparing for interviews.

You have access to a designated worker to help you with jobseeking, completing application forms and interview preparation.



Employment

There is a named worker at Job Centre Plus to help you with employment opportunities.

There is a worker who can support you to search for jobs.

You may be able to purchase some clothes for interviews for employment.



Participation in Society

You can join groups to make positive changes for young people in care and leaving care.

You can join in with regional and national young people's opportunities.

Participation workers are available to speak to at Pathfinders.

You can have support with identification such as passport, driving license and setting up a bank account.

You can have support with paperwork for example housing, benefits, personal independent payments.

You can have support with hobbies, music and sporting interests.

You can have free library membership across Hartlepool.

You can ask to see your files on any information that is related to you from the age of 16 years old.



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Relationships and Plans

Until you are 18 you are entitled to see your social worker monthly.

You are entitled to a personal adviser up to the age of 25

When you are 21-25, you are entitled to request a personal adviser.

When you are 15-16, your social worker will listen to what's important to you and make sure this is written in your pathway plan.

At the age of 16 you and your social worker will work together to develop your life plan which is called a pathway plan. This will explain the support you are entitled to, to help you get where you want to be in life. You and your worker will review this every six months.



Housing

Your wishes and feelings about where you would like to live are listened to and written down in your pathway plan.

If you live in foster care, you may be entitled to stay with your foster carer over the age of 18.

If you live in residential care, you will be entitled to support from your worker when you move on.

Your personal adviser/social worker should visit your new home within seven days of moving in.

Care leavers living in Hartlepool are exempt from paying council tax.

Care leavers living outside of Hartlepool - help is available to help you pay your council tax.

You may be entitled to a setting up home allowance to make sure your accommodation is safe and secure. Speak to your social worker/personal adviser to find out

You have a worker to give you support regarding your housing options.

You can take part in courses relating to housing and being a good tenant through housing providers.

Health and Wellbeing



You can have support from counselling and therapeutic services if you need it.

From the age of 18 you can get a health passport.

You can have support around doctors, dentists and other health matters.

You can receive a free Active Card which gives you reduced price for leisure facilities across the town.

You can receive reduced membership for other activities - ask your worker.

You have access to a designated substance misuse worker.

You have access to kitchen facilities at Pathfinders.

