

# 16–25 Care Leavers Strategy: Twelve-month 2020/21 Action Plan

Action	By whom	By when	Impact - how can we tell
To ensure Care Leavers have a current Health passport and that support to attend appointments is given.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LAC Nurse</li> <li>Personal Advisors</li> <li>Social workers</li> <li>Support workers</li> </ul>	September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health information recorded.</li> <li>Care Leavers feedback evidencing improved support for accessing health appointments.</li> <li>Support being provided from Revive Service.</li> </ul>
Care Leavers to have the resources to undertake home learning as part of college courses and/or training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Directions</li> <li>Blackburn College</li> <li>Leaving Care Team</li> </ul>	September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numbers of Care Leavers having College experience.</li> <li>Care Leavers feedback regarding confidence and readiness for applying for jobs, apprenticeships, or further training.</li> <li>EET Steering Group – New Directions &amp; Leaving Care Service to monitor.</li> </ul>
To ensure that all Care Leavers live in suitable accommodation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaving Care Team Manager</li> <li>Head of Service/Service Lead</li> <li>Housing Support Manager</li> <li>Housing providers</li> </ul>	September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data regarding Care Leavers living in suitable accommodation.</li> <li>Feedback from Care Leavers regarding satisfaction with their accommodation.</li> </ul>
Seek approval for an annual clothing allowance for Care Leavers aged 18-25.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service Leader to submit a paper to the Corporate Parenting Executive Board and Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education</li> </ul>	September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All care leavers over 18 have essential/seasonal clothing twice yearly</li> </ul>
Care Leavers are supported in applying for apprenticeships within the Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaving Care Team</li> <li>H.R. Service</li> <li>New Directions</li> <li>Training providers</li> </ul>	October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in number of Care Leavers being successful in gaining apprenticeships.</li> <li>EET Steering group to monitor.</li> </ul>

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Continue to consult with Care Leavers and involve them in service development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation Officer</li> <li>• Participation Champions</li> <li>• Young People</li> </ul>	November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better outcomes evidenced by Care Leavers' feedback.</li> </ul>
Digital resources are developed to improve communication with Care Leavers (e.g. app)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation Officer</li> <li>• Participation Champion</li> <li>• Young People</li> <li>• Service Lead/managers</li> </ul>	December 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better communication and outcomes for Care Leavers.</li> <li>• Increased communication with young people in their decisions.</li> </ul>
Traineeship programme to be developed for Care Leavers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaving Care Team</li> <li>• HR</li> <li>• Training providers</li> </ul>	December 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers of Care leavers completing traineeship and successful in gaining apprenticeships.</li> </ul>
Care Leavers to have opportunities of gaining work experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All departments</li> <li>• Health Providers</li> <li>• Partners</li> <li>• New Directions</li> </ul>	March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers of Care Leavers having work experience opportunities</li> <li>• Care Leavers feedback regarding confidence and readiness for applying for jobs, apprenticeships, or further training.</li> <li>• EET Steering Group – New Directions / Leaving Care Service to monitor</li> </ul>
To introduce the “Moving on, Moving up” programme with care leavers to support their preparation for adulthood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Advisors</li> <li>• Social Workers</li> <li>• Foster Carers</li> <li>• Support Workers</li> </ul>	March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from Young People regarding their views of being prepared for independence.</li> </ul>
To regularly review the finances of Care Leavers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head of Service</li> <li>• Director of Children Services</li> <li>• Corporate Parenting Executive Board</li> </ul>	March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people are financially stable.</li> </ul>