

The Enhanced Local Offer

Specific Areas	Support included in current Local Offer	Existing support to be added to the new Local Offer	Additional support to be agreed for inclusion in new Local Offer
Social Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular visits • Ensures care leavers have annual medicals • PEPs • Contributes to LAC Reviews • Contributes to Transitional Care Plan Meetings prior to transition to YPA • Pathway Plans • Age Assessments for UASC • Risk Assessments (if required) • Speaks with appropriate services on young person's behalf • Provides finances for travel, education, trips, food, clothing, exam fees and college enrolment (for example) 		
Personal Advisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports care leavers to develop a strong sense of themselves and their identity, background and history • Builds on family and significant positive relationships in preparation for adulthood • Enables care leavers to hold a sense of belonging to the community they live and connection to society • Help them understand what support is available, so that they make informed choices • Encourage them to develop confidence and self-esteem, ability to voice their opinions on key issues that affect them • Necessary skills to live independently 		

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Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage early joint planning • Help with housing applications • Bespoke packages of support for those who are not going to manage independent living • Staying put policy – stay with foster carers until 21 • Set up home – purchase white goods and furniture – through a Leaving Care Grant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of housing pathways for care leavers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council tax exemption
Finance and Paperwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help open a bank account • Get ID e.g. passport, birth certificates, provisional driving license • Help you get National Insurance number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homes and Money Hub support to support financial independence 	
Education, Employment and Training (EET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University higher education bursary – £2000 per course • Laptop (for university students) • University holiday accommodation and travel warrants (dependent on location) • University Leaving Care accommodation bursary – £500 annually paid directly to landlord • University graduation equipment £150 (gown, photo) • University Maintenance Loan (£11,354 inner London, £8,700 outer London) • University student bursary (dependent on University) • Careers advisor available five days per week • Priority for council apprenticeships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) panel for Care Leavers involving professionals from across the Council • Annual information and networking meetings who those interested in university and apprenticeships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traineeships and paid work placements to help prepare care leavers for apprenticeships and employment • Partners in the borough to offer guaranteed apprentice interviews for care leavers (if minimum criteria met) – matching Council's current offer. • A bespoke local offer for UASC
Health and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health passport at 18 • Help register at GP and other health services when care leavers move home • Financial assistance (where needed) with the cost of health, dental, optician services • Help to manage emotional well-being – may include CAMHS/services for Adults • Help attending doctors/hospital appointments 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free leisure passes for care leavers and one friend • Free annual membership to the Youth Zone for care leavers

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help and support if the care leaver is a parent • Organising free access or discounted access to B&D's leisure centres • Making sure care leavers have an adult they can trust should they get into trouble with the police • Support in pregnancy 		
Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal advisor to support and encouragement to establish/maintain healthy relationships 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer mentoring scheme to empower care leavers to support each other.
Participation and achieving well in society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to participate in Skittlz (Children in Care Council) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Leaving Care Awards to celebrate the achievement and ambitions of care leavers • Ways of influencing practice and service development, e.g. training for professionals and involvement in recruitment of staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stamp of approval from Skittlz on policies and documents aimed at young people
Other			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text message service for easy, quick communication with care leavers • Creation of a new webpage/forum to replace to Learn2Live app to communicate the local offer to young people.