

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 16+

YOUNG PERSON'S LEAFLET

2014



Young People aged 16 years and over who either are or have been looked after by Rochdale are entitled to financial assistance to support them as they move towards and into adulthood and independence. The level of financial assistance is different depending on whether you are still looked after, where you are living and what age you are.

There are four different groups of young people and these are called Eligible, Relevant, Former Relevant and Qualifying Young People.

	<b>Definition</b>
Eligible	A young person who is aged 16 or 17 years of age and has been looked after by the Local Authority for a period of at least 13 weeks since the age of 14 years - some of the 13 weeks being after their 16 <sup>th</sup> or 17 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
Relevant	A young person who was previously an eligible young person but who is no longer looked after and is under the age of 18 years.
Former Relevant	A young person who has reached the age of 18 but not 21 and who was eligible and / or relevant prior to becoming 18. Where a young person is being supported with education or training they remain a former relevant young person to the end of the agreed programme, even where that takes the young person beyond the age of 21 years.
Qualifying	A young person who doesn't meet the criteria for being an eligible young person but who is or was a looked after young person for example where a young person has no parent to turn to for help or where the parent does not have the capacity to provide assistance. Young People can be deemed 'Qualifying' for example as a result of being looked after immediately prior to becoming subject to a Special Guardianship Order or subject to a private fostering arrangement.

Financial assistance is paid to young people who are or have been looked after for a variety of reasons, for example to assist with the cost of accommodation, daily living expenses, education, employment or training and other expenses you might need.

The following information lets you know what you are entitled to: -

## General Financial Support

Type of Financial Assistance	Who and what is it for?	How Much?
Prom Outfit / Transport	Financial Assistance is paid to eligible and relevant young people towards the cost of their Prom including an outfit and transport.	£125 (one off payment)
Lap Top	All eligible and relevant young people will be provided with a lap top to support their education	Purchased by the Local Authority
Documents	All eligible young people will have a passport and be provided with a copy of their Birth Certificate	Passport £72.50 Birth certificate £10
Driving Lessons and Licence	All eligible young people will be supported in respect of driving lessons and licence.	10 Driving Lessons or max £200 Provisional licence £55 Practical test £61 Theory test £30
Emergency Assistance	It is recognised that emergencies sometimes happen and therefore eligible, relevant and former relevant young people will be supported in emergency situations. Support will be provided via food or food vouchers or fuel cards.	At the discretion of the Practice Manager
Transport	Young people may need to use public transport to visit family and friends or to attend social activities.	Weekly £15 (max)
Leisure Passes	A leisure pass will be provided and should be identified within the care plan / pathway plan and subject to review	At the discretion of the Practice Manager
To support special needs	Disability specialist counselling / therapy equipment legal advice financial advisor (CICA)	At discretion of Head of Service / Assistant Director

Pregnancy and parenthood	child care clothing	£250 Maternity Grant
Storage	Support will be provided in respect of Storage where the young person is assessed as requiring this support	At discretion of Head of Service

### Living Allowances

Type of Financial Assistance	Who and what is it for?	How Much?
Maintenance Allowance	A maintenance allowance is paid into the bank account of eligible and relevant young people living independently. The weekly amount is equivalent to the Job Seekers Allowance rate for a single person under the age of 25 years.	£57.35 per week (2014) (JSA rate)
Clothing Allowance	A clothing allowance is also available for eligible and relevant young people living independently.	£240 per year
Birthday Allowance	A birthday allowance is available for eligible and relevant young people. The amount changes depending on your age and is paid once per year.	£50.00 for 16 year olds, £75.00 for 17 year olds, £100.00 for 18 year olds.
Festival Allowance	A festival allowance is available for eligible and relevant young people.	£50 per year

### Education, Employment and Training

Type of Financial Assistance	Who and what is it for?	How Much?
Job Interview, Work Clothers and Equipment	Financial support is available for eligible, relevant and former relevant young people to assist in attending a job interview for example new clothes, equipment or other costs.	£75 (one off payment)
Equipment, Books	Young people should initially apply for a	At the discretion of the

and Achievements	<p>grant or bursary to cover the cost of college equipment through the organisation they attend. The following websites will provide further information.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund">https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund</a>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/grant-bursary-adult-learners">https://www.gov.uk/grant-bursary-adult-learners</a></p> <p>Additional assistance may be available with discretionary payments towards the cost of books, equipment, field trips etc.</p> <p><u>GCSE Exam achievements or equivalent and Level 1/Level 2 NVQ</u></p> <p>1-2 passes regardless of grades  3-5 passes regardless of grades  6 + passes regardless of grades</p> <p><u>'A' Level passes or equivalent / NVQ 3, BTEC National Diploma</u></p> <p>Young People will receive a payment per unit passed. BTEC and NVQs are equivalent to 3 'A' levels.</p>	<p>Practice Manager</p> <p>Achievements in respect of</p> <p>Up to a maximum of £50</p> <p>Up to a maximum of £50</p>
16 – 19 Bursary Fund	<p>The Government's 16-19 Bursary Fund provides a bursary young people in care and care leavers and it is expected that transport, meals, books and equipment costs will be met from this bursary. Young people will be assisted to apply for a bursary from the relevant school, college or training provider.</p>	<p>£1,200 per year</p>
Higher Education Bursary	<p>Where a young person is attending University or College on a Higher Education course which will last for a minimum period of two years, they will receive a bursary, which is a grant to support you study at university or college.</p>	<p>£2,000 paid over the duration of the course</p>

	The £2,000 will be paid in instalments over the time you are at University or College. The frequency and amount of money will be agreed and recorded in your Pathway Plan. Please note if you stop attending University or College then the remainder of the Bursary will not be paid.	
Accommodation costs whilst in Higher Education	A weekly payment will be made to support the cost of halls of residence accommodation whilst at University or College.	£50 per week
Holiday Accommodation costs whilst in Higher Education	Financial assistance may also be given if young people cannot stay at University or College accommodation during holiday times. Additional support would be provided to fund alternative appropriate accommodation.	To be assessed
Maintenance Allowance whilst in Higher Education	A weekly allowance is paid to all young people attending University or College for the duration of their studies.	£57.35 per week (JSA rates)
Additional Support for young people in Higher Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A lap top and printer will be provided for each young person attending University or College</li> <li>▪ Book Allowance</li> </ul>	<p>Purchased by the Authority (if required)</p> <p>£150 per year maximum</p>

Please note that young people attending Higher Education Courses will be supported to apply for all relevant University Bursaries and financial assistance available for Care Leavers. The young person would be supported via their Pathway Plan and Personal Advisor to monitor their financial situation and ensure that they are able to manage their finances and reduce risk of debt post-graduation. The financial assistance set out above in relation to Higher Education Courses will be paid where funding from other sources e.g. the educational establishment, is not available. Financial assistance will only be made available subject to provision of receipts / proof of expenditure.

## Staying Put

Type of Financial Assistance	Who and what is it for?	How Much?
Staying Put	For eligible young people living with Foster Carers, you can choose to remain in placement after your 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthday. The carer will continue to receive financial assistance	See Staying Put Procedure Financial Assistance.
Carers Financial Support	Refer to Staying Put guidance	See Staying Put Procedure Financial Assistance.
Young Person's Financial Support	Refer to Staying Put guidance	See Staying Put Procedure Financial Assistance.
Young Person's Contributions	Refer to Staying Put guidance	See Staying Put Procedure Financial Assistance.

## Setting Up Home

Type of Financial Assistance	Who and what is it for?	How Much?
Setting Up Home Allowance	The Setting Up Home Allowance is provided to young people who are moving into their own independent accommodation. They may be eligible, relevant or former relevant.	£2,000 (one off payment)
Setting Up Home Allowance as a parent	An additional allowance may be provided where the young person is a parent of a child who is under the age of one year at the time the young person moves into the accommodation and where the child resides with the young person. The allowance is to assist with the additional household needs of a baby / child and	£250 (one off payment)

	may be paid if no such assistance is available from the Benefits Agency.	
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The Setting Up Home Allowance will be discussed in your reviews and you should also prepare for independence with your Personal Advisor or Social Worker in looking at how much things cost and thinking about what you might need before you intend to move.

You will be supported in maximising your choices about how you furnish your home, and how you maximise your allowance. The list below includes all of the key items you will need for your home, and the average cost for each item, based on buying everything new.

<b>Kitchen</b>	
Cooker	
Cost of Installation	
Fridge Freezer	
Ironing Board	
Iron	
Vacuum Cleaner	
Tea Towels / Oven Glove	
Washing up Bowl and Brush, Dish Cloth, Pan Scrub	
Set of Pans	
Cutlery Set	
Kitchen Knives	
Kitchen Utensils	
Ovenware	
Crockery, Glasses, Cups	
Chopping Boards	
Kettle	
Tin Opener	
Bread Bin	
Long Brush / Dustpan and Brush / Dusters	
Washing Machine at the discretion of the Team Manager	
Mop / Bucket	



Microwave	
Toaster	
Clothes Maiden	
Cleaning Materials	
Total Cost	
<b>Lounge</b>	
3 piece suite (second hand)	
Coffee Table	
TV	
Table and 4 chairs	
Lamp	
Clock	
Total Cost	
<b>Bathroom</b>	
Towels (1 bail)	
Toilet Brush	
Bin	
Laundry Basket	
Bath Mat	
Total Cost	
<b>Bedroom</b>	
Bed, Mattress and Headboard	
Double Duvet and Pillow x 2	
Duvet cover, pillow case, fitted sheets (2 sets)	
Wardrobe	
Chest of Drawers	
Coat Hangers	
Mirror	
Lamp	
Bedside Locker / cabinet	
Total Cost	
<b>General</b>	
Carpet / Underlay	
Curtains	

Mattress Protector	
TV Licence	
Bulbs	
Home Insurance (Contents)	
House Alarm	
Smoke Alarm	
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	
Fire Blanket	
First Aid Kit	
Spare Keys	
Installation of gas or electrical goods by approved fitter	
Removal costs	
Decorating Grant	
DIY / practical assistance to ensure the accommodation is furnished to a sufficient standard	
Deposit or rent in advance	
Suitcase	
Total Cost	
<b>Total Setting Up Home Allowance:</b>	<b>CURRENT FIGURE: £2000.00</b>

The Local Authority recognises that the first move a Young Person makes may not be successful and therefore may require additional support second time around. Additional support may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

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