

Eligibility Criteria for Care Leavers

	16 / 17 years of age	18 to 21 years of age (25 in full time education)	In care for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14 (Includes non-continuous, but not short breaks where each visit is under 4 weeks and child returns to someone with PR)	Currently LAC	Not currently LAC, Was LAC on or after 16 th birthday	Were LAC, returned home 'successfully' and no order (continuous period of 6 months or more)
Eligible	✓		✓	✓		
Relevant *	✓		✓		✓	
Former Relevant		✓	✓		✓	
Qualifying +	✓	✓			✓	✓

* - young people who are detained or in hospital on their 16th birthday are also relevant if immediately before being detained or admitted to hospital were accommodated by a trust for a period of at least 13 weeks after reaching the age of 14.

+ - is, or was, subject to a Special Guardianship Order, up to 18, and was looked after immediately before the order was made,

To use the above chart:

To assess a young person's eligibility they must meet **all** the criteria in the appropriate row, represented by a ✓.