

Lift Off! Local Offer to Care Leavers Explained

What Is The Local Offer?

Local authorities have a legal duty to support young people making the transition from care to adulthood and they should ensure that care leavers know what services are available to them. The local offer is where you will find information to support care leavers aged 18-21 years old and care leavers 25 years old in education or training. The local offer will tell you about all the help that is available to you as a care leaver.

What Should The Local Offer Include?

The local offer should include details of the services and support that may assist care leavers in, or moving to, adulthood and independent living that the local authority provides in relation to:

Health and wellbeing

Relationships

Education and training

Employment

Accommodation

Participation in society

Aimhigher London Members - Local Authority Offers:

Wandsworth

Merton

Richmond & Kingston

Barnet

Brent

Surrey

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the local offer the same for each local authority?

The local offer differs according to each local authority. To find out what your local authority offers, visit their website and search 'care leaver local offer.' The local offer is a working live document that can change each year.

Besides the local offer, where else can a care leaver attending university seek support?

It's advisable to contact a designated member of staff at the university you are attending, or wish to attend, who can signpost you to various departments for relevant help, such as wellbeing, finance, academic support. To find out who the designated member of staff is at your university, check out the [Propel website](#) or speak to someone in student support.

Useful Links

[Local offer guidance for local authorities](#)

[Care leaver local offer](#) - comparison of local authorities

[Become Charity](#) - giving a voice to care experienced young people

[Care Leaver Covenant](#) - supporting care leavers to live independently

[Propel](#) - university support for care experienced young people

[Young Roots](#) - supporting young refugees to reach their full potential

[Unite Foundation](#) - accommodation scholarships for care leavers and estranged young people