

# Y&H LA Leaving Care Grants and Support Comparison Chart Nov 19



Over the past year the Yorkshire and Humber regions Young People with Experience of Care, have been exploring the support they receive when they transition to independent living.

For many this is a challenging but rewarding time. For others it can take several attempts, requiring a flexible approach in how and what support is provided. Research demonstrates the poor outcomes and number of homeless young care leavers, when this transition is unsuccessful.

A Trainee with Care Experience has lead this research, pulling together what information was publicly available which in many cases was limited, difficult to find and understand. Additional information has been provided by Leaving Care Youth Voice Groups, although there are gaps.

The information is provided in the form of a **Comparison Table**, at the request of the regions young people who felt this would be the simplest way to see what each area offers.

To support the research into Leaving Care Offers, a regional event was hosted in Barnsley in Oct 2019, where each LA represented their offer in the form of a house, creating a 'regional village'.

The process of creating their 'homes', enabled the young people to learn about their Grants, identify gaps and or differences between what they received and is offered, as well as between LAs.

Understanding the variance in what individuals received locally, is an area for local research . The Regional Group however, hopes this document will raise awareness and create a dialog with Policy Makers to understand and address variance.



The Youth Work Unit Yorkshire and Humber in partnership with the Y&H Youth Voice Steering Group, the regions Children in Care & Leaving Care Councils and Erasmus +, have facilitated the regional Youth Voice and Participation Work for the past two years and we would like to thank all those who have attended and supported both the regional events and wider work.

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## Comparison Chart Nov 19

Local Authority / offer	Setting up Home Allowance £2000	restricted to where it can be spent	able to spend freely	given to YP	held by PA	need to cover basics - carpets / white goods
<b>Barnsley</b>	up to	✓	X	X	✓	✓
<b>Bradford</b>	no - 1000 - 1300	✓	X	X	✓	✓
<b>Calderdale</b>	✓	X	✓	varies	✓	✓
<b>City of York</b>	£2500 for those that turned 18 after 1st April 2019. £2250 for those that turned 18 before this.	X	X	X	✓	✓ Welcome pack when moving into their own flat with basic products (cleaning products/tea/coffee/sugar).
<b>Doncaster</b>	up to	✓	X	X	✓	✓
<b>East Ridings</b>	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
<b>Kingston Upon Hull</b>	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
<b>Kirklees</b>	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
<b>Leeds</b>	✓	✓	X	only on occasions as agreed	Generally, ✓	✓
<b>Lincolnshire</b>	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓
<b>North East Lincolnshire</b>	✓	✓	have options to spend in different ways through their PA	X	✓	✓
<b>North Lincolnshire</b>						
<b>North Yorkshire</b>						
<b>Rotherham</b>						
<b>Sheffield</b>	✓	X	✓	Depends on individual circumstances	X	X Can apply for a means tested Local Assistance Grant up to £1000
<b>Wakefield</b>			2			



	other financial support						
	given council Tax exemption	given on going support with bills up to 25	Get £40 for birthday and £50 for xmas till your 21	voucher if your property in a state / needs work doing	gym membership	free TV	TV licence
<b>Barnsley</b>	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Bradford</b>	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
<b>Calderdale</b>	X	X	X	X	✓	SHA	1st year
<b>City of York</b>	Currently 1st year of moving to independence	✓	Birthdays : £50.00 for 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> . £100.00 for 21 <sup>st</sup> . Christmas £50 Until after 21	Full flat decoration by a decorator	✓	X	TV licence to purchase out of SUHG.
<b>Doncaster</b>	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>East Ridings</b>	✓ to 21	✓	✓ (£50)		✓	via grant	✓
<b>Kingston Upon Hull</b>	✓	X	✓	Decorated by Local Authority	✓	X	X
<b>Kirklees</b>	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓
<b>Leeds</b>	X	✓	Xmas £50. Birthday - 18th & 21st £100, 19th & 20th £50	Not a voucher but agreed sum if required	✓	✓	✓
<b>Lincolnshire</b>	✓	X	✓	granted on individual needs basis"	✓ if requested and used	X	✓
<b>North East Lincolnshire</b>	✓ to 25	X	✓	✓	✓	via grant	via grant
<b>North Lincolnshire</b>							
<b>North Yorkshire</b>							
<b>Rotherham</b>							
<b>Sheffield</b>	X PA's support YP to apply for a CT support and CT Hardship—is based on income and circumstances	X	From 18 to 21 you get £50 at Xmas. Birthdays: 18 - £150 19 - £50 20 - £50 21 - £150	You can either ask the council to White wash the walls of the property or get a voucher for B&Q. The amount of the B&Q voucher depends on how much work Housing assess the property as needing. A B&Q voucher can only be spent on paint / wallpaper	X Discounted access to some Leisure Centres	X	X
<b>Wakefield</b>			3				



## Travel

	provisional driving licence	theory test paid for	driving lessons 10	more than 10 driving lessons	driving lessons conditional to being in EET	Support to purchase a Travel Card
<b>Barnsley</b>	X	X	X	X	X	✓
<b>Bradford</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Calderdale</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓ 10 lessons	✓	✓
<b>City of York</b>	✓	X	✓	X	Young person to purchase the first 10 lessons.	Bus Pass upto age 21
<b>Doncaster</b>	✓	X	✓ 11 + test	X	X	If in EET
<b>East Ridings</b>	✓	✓	✓ where appropriate	occasional	✓	✓
<b>Kingston Upon Hull</b>	✓	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Kirklees</b>	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓ if EET
<b>Leeds</b>	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
<b>Lincolnshire</b>	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓
<b>North East Lincolnshire</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓ 20	✓	X
<b>North Lincolnshire</b>						
<b>North Yorkshire</b>						
<b>Rotherham</b>						
<b>Sheffield</b>	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	1 month free bus pass when starting EET
<b>Wakefield</b>						



other support

	PA support	Providing or telling you about relevant money management courses	Help with employment	Information on how to access your Junior ISA or Child Trust Fund.	Support to gain important identification documents, such as a passport and/or provisional driving licence, before your 18th birthday	Exceptional financial support in emergencies. This will be by direct payment from Future Directions or by request for funding if over £500	Passport	Training flats to help young people till they are ready to move on	Monthly young achiever awards
<b>Barnsley</b>	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
<b>Bradford</b>	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓
<b>Calderdale</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X
<b>City of York</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	X pathway worker's celebrate achievements with individual young people
<b>Doncaster</b>	✓	Not sure of question	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓
<b>East Ridings</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Kingston Upon Hull</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X
<b>Kirklees</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X
<b>Leeds</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ all	by request & assessment of need	✓	✓	X
<b>Lincolnshire</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X transitional un regulated housing up to 18	✓ Annual
<b>North East Lincolnshire</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Discretionary	✓	✓	X
<b>North Lincolnshire</b>									
<b>North Yorkshire</b>									
<b>Rotherham</b>									
<b>Sheffield</b>	✓	✓	Can access Project Apollo which is DfE funded	✓	PA support	?	Will pay for first passport or a renewal (not both) up to 21 years	✓	X
<b>Wakefield</b>					5				

### Additional information: **York:**

- ◇ \* We have a taster flat which can be accessed for a 4 week period to 'trial' independence until the age of 21 and also access to trainer flats for under 18's
- ◇ Gold band status on the housing register to ensure priority need.
- ◇ Uni – £2000 bursary to help with books/equipment throughout the 3 years and university accommodation costs. On graduation we help with costs of photographs/cap and gown.

### Note:

- information on support for Higher Education was not requested for this report.

This is an area for future research.

- Support for young people who do not opt for either further or higher education has been a raised as a topic by the regional Group.

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