

Y&H LA Leaving Care Grants and Support Comparison Chart Dec 2019



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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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
Barnsley	up to	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Bradford	no - 1000 - 1300	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Calderdale	✓	X	✓	varies	✓	✓
City of York	£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).
Doncaster	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
East Ridings	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Kingston Upon Hull	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Kirklees	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Leeds	✓	✓	X	only on occasions as agreed	✓ Generally,	✓
Lincolnshire	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓
North East Lincolnshire	✓	✓	have options to spend in different ways through their PA	X	✓	✓
North Lincolnshire						
North Yorkshire						
Rotherham	✓	reputable vendors for expensive items/ ensure PAT tested	YP are assisted by PA to determine priority of spend	depends on circumstances	✓	✓
Sheffield	✓	X	✓	Depends on individual circumstances	X	X Can apply for a means tested Local Assistance Grant up to £1000
Wakefield						



	other financial support						
	given council Tax exemption	given on going support with bills up to 25	Get £40 for birthday and £50 for Festivals till your 21	voucher if your property in a state / needs work doing	gym membership	free TV	TV licence
Barnsley	✓	X	£30 for Birthdays and Christmas	X	Discount Card— leisure activities	via grant	via SUHG grant
Bradford	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
Calderdale	X	X	X	X	✓	via grant	1st year
City of York	Currently 1st year of moving to independence	✓	Birthdays : £50.00 for 19 th and 20 th . £100.00 for 21 st . Christmas £50 Until after 21	Full flat decoration by a decorator	✓	X	via SUHG grant
Doncaster	✓	✓needs assessed	£25, & £50 for 18 th 21 st festivals	All properties are quality assured prior to YP taking possession	Discount card scheme for all leisure activities until 25	Via grant	First one
East Ridings	✓to 21	✓	✓ (£50)		✓	via grant	✓
Kingston Upon Hull	✓	X	✓	Decorated by Local Authority	✓	X	X
Kirklees	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓
Leeds	X	✓	Xmas £50. Birthday - 18th & 21st £100, 19th & 20th £50	Not a voucher but agreed sum if required	✓	✓	✓
Lincolnshire	✓	X	✓	granted on individual needs basis"	✓- if requested and used	X	✓
North East Lincolnshire	✓to 25	X	✓	✓	✓	via grant	via SUHG grant
North Lincolnshire							
North Yorkshire							
Rotherham	✓	X advice & guidance re: budgeting, benefits & earnings in line with post 21, no financial assistance	✓ + 18 th & 21 st Birthday- gifts to the value of £100, 19 th & 20 th birthday- gifts to the value of £50. 18-21 all YP receive a gift to the value of £50	X assistance sought via the housing department/ housing associations, PA's advocate that properties are in a good state of repair prior to our YP accepting	X	via grant	1 st year funded (in addition to SUHA)
Sheffield	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	The council will either White wash walls of the property or provide a B&Q voucher determined by how much decorating Housing assess the property needs	X Discounted access to some Leisure Centres	X	X
Wakefield							



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
Barnsley	X	X	X	X	X	✓
Bradford	X	X	X	X	X	X
Calderdale	✓	✓	✓	10 lessons	✓	✓
City of York	✓	X	✓	X	Young person to purchase the first 10 lessons.	Bus Pass upto age 21
Doncaster	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
East Ridings	✓	✓	✓ where appropriate	occasional	✓	✓
Kingston Upon Hull	✓	X	X	X	X	X
Kirklees	✓	✓	✓	Based on individual need	✓ Pathway plan	✓ if EET
Leeds	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Lincolnshire	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓
North East Lincolnshire	✓	✓	✓	✓ 20	✓	X
North Lincolnshire						
North Yorkshire						
Rotherham	✓	✓	✓	X	✓ demonstrating affordability	YP starting work will receive financial assistance for travel for the first 2 weeks
Sheffield	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	1 month free bus pass when starting EET
Wakefield						



	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
Barnsley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ annual
Bradford	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓
Calderdale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X
City of York	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ *	X pathway worker's celebrate achievements with individual young people
Doncaster	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	If intending to travel	X	✓
East Ridings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kingston Upon Hull	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X
Kirklees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X
Leeds	✓	✓	✓	✓	all	by request & assessment of need	✓	✓	X
Lincolnshire	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X transitional un regulated housing up to 18	✓ Annual
North East Lincolnshire	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Discretionary	✓	✓	X
North Lincolnshire	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
North Yorkshire									
Rotherham	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	discretionary	✓	✓ Own semi-independent provision up to 2 years	✓ annual Pride of Rotherham
Sheffield	✓	✓	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
Wakefield					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. LAs such as Rotherham offer £2000, Higher Education Bursary.

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- 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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