# Suffolk Leaving Care Service

# Allowances Summary 2023

August 2017

Duty contact details

Social Workers contact details

Young Persons Advisor contact details

## Local information

If you need any further assistance please speak to your Social Worker or Young Person’s Advisor

## Summary

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| **Allowance** | **Entitled** | **Age** | **Amount /**  **Frequency** | **How paid** | **Notes** |
| Post 18 Birthday allowance | All YP leaving care | 19 & 20 | £10  Annually | Voucher |  |
| 21st Birthday allowance | All YP leaving care | 21 | £23  One off | Voucher |  |
| ID Passport **or** Provisional Driving License | All YP | 16+ | £50 - £90  One off |  | Only eligible for 1 item of ID |
| Family contact | All YP | 18+ | As agreed | This can be paid on a case by case basis at the most every two months | Needs to be agreed in Pathway Plan |
| **University** | | | | | |
| Income maintenance | YP enrolled in Uni | 18+ | £67.20  Weekly |  | Paid in term times |
| Accommodation costs | YP living independently | 18+ | As agreed  Weekly |  | Paid in the holidays |
| Accommodation costs if going back to Staying Put carers in the holidays | Refer to the Suffolk Staying Put Policy | 18+ |  |  | Paid in the holidays |
| University books |  | 18+ | £150  One off |  |  |
| Bursary |  | 18+ | £2,000  As agreed in Pathway Plan | Paid throughout the course or at end |  |
| Travel expenses | If required to and from uni at the end/ beginning of term | 18+ | As agreed  up to 3 times a year |  | Needs to be agreed in Pathway Plan |

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| **Income maintenance and accommodation** | | | | | |
| Income maintenance | YP living independently | Under 18 | £67.20 Weekly | Directly into bank account or cash to assist with budgeting | In line with DWP benefits. Deductions can be made if receiving meals in accommodation |
| Accommodation costs | YP living independently | Under 18 | As agreed Monthly | Directly to provider |  |
| Income maintenance (21+) | YP attending further education | 21+ | £67.20  Weekly |  | If YP is in further education and not eligible to claim Income Support |
| Accommodation costs | YP living independently and attending further education | 21+ | As agreed  Weekly | Directly into bank account | If YP is in not eligible to claim Housing Benefit |
| **Other allowances** | | | | | |
| Education Top up | YP living in independently and in education (including apprenticeships)  Not those at Uni | 16+ | £10  Weekly | Directly into bank account | Not paid in holidays, can be paid over 18th birthday as an incentive to continue in education. |
| Clothing allowance | YP living independently | Under 18 | £400  Annually | Not paid directly to young person. Social worker to support twice a year | Shopping trips to enable social worker to have positive contact with young person |
| Birthday | YP living independently | 17 & 18 | £100  Annually | Purchased by social worker |  |
| Christmas / Festival Gifts | YP living independently | Under 18 | £100  Annually | Purchased by social worker | Christmas or Eid payment as appropriate |
| Setting up home allowance | All YP leaving care | 16 to 21 | £1,750  As required | Items purchased from an essential item list. Included one annual TV license. | If not accessed by 21 can be lost. Includes one annual TV license fee. |

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