

Lift Off! The Wandsworth Local Offer to Care Leavers

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

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, please go to 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 is advisable to make contact with a designated member of staff at the university you are attending who can signpost you to various departments who can help you, such as wellbeing, finance, academic support. You can find out who your designated member of staff is by checking the [Propel website](#) or speaking to someone in student support at your university.

Useful links

Local offer guidance for local authorities

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/683703/Local_offer_guidance_final.pdf

Wandsworth local offer

https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/wandsworth/fsd/docs/wandsworth_local_offers_for_care_leavers.pdf

Wandsworth's pledge to care leavers

https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/wandsworth/fsd/docs/click_insert_july_2016.pdf

Care leaver local offer – comparison of local authorities

<https://www.careleaveroffer.co.uk/>

Information on universities and their offer to care leavers

<https://propel.org.uk/UK/>

Wandsworth Council's Life Skills booklet - Information and advice to help prepare young people for adult life who are leaving local authority care



Life Skills