

Finance/Money: Our Offer

Financial entitlements (see finance booklet)

- Personal Budget - £315 per year – for care leavers up to the age of 21 years. For birthdays, Christmas/festivals, holidays, clothing etc. Birthday and festival money totalling £50 post 21 years
- Passport/Driving Licence/ID documents
- Setting Up Home Grant of £2,000 (plus Stockport Local Assistance Scheme starter package worth £1,000 for care leavers living in Stockport)
- Incentive payments for being in education/training
- University bursary of £2000 per year
- Council Tax reduction scheme up to 25 years
- Free gym passes for all care leavers at Life Leisure
- Free museum passes for all Stockport attractions
- Link to this year's finance booklet: www.stockport.gov.uk/careleavers

Support available

- Personal Adviser and Intensive Support Worker support around money and budgeting

- Benefits drop in on Thursdays in the Leaving Care Team office, including DWP and Housing Benefit advisers
- Personal Advisers link in with named DWP workers for all benefits
- Links with Welfare Rights named worker
- Links with Credit Union and Stockport Homes Money Advice Team
- Links with SLAS (Stockport Local Assistance Scheme), foodbanks, fuel banks and other food support agencies such as Penny Pantry
- Support to access ISA
- Pre Tenancy Training Programme including budgeting support and links with rent officers

Plans for 2019

- Universal Credit crisis payment up to 5 weeks
- Free bus passes for all care leavers living in the Greater Manchester area
- Care Leavers Covenant – to include discount schemes with Stockport shops, businesses, restaurants and leisure services, eg The Light Cinema etc