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Based on current care leaver numbers (as at Oct-20) plus estimated Net Growth of 50 Qualifying - 10 / Relevant - 5 / Former Relevant & PA to 25 - 283											Essential				342,244
															£
Setting up home grant which can pay for: Luggage / Suitcase & moving boxes, moving costs, Argos home starter kit, Plates/bowls/mugs, Duvet, pillows & bedding, Towels, Iron & ironing board, Kitchen bin, brush, mop & bucket, Vacuum cleaner, Kettle, Toaster, Microwave, Household furniture – bed & mattress, table, sofa, wardrobe, chest of drawers etc., First years TV licence, One years household insurance, White goods which may include: Cooker, Fridge, Freezer, Washing machine (where there is no local launderette & plumbing is available), Carpeting for lounge & bedroom of a long term local authority tenancy	Not applicable	Yes, setting up home grant up to £2000 which can be accessed once relevant or former relevant until the age of 25 or until spent					No financial support available	£2000 each, over 3 years (16-25) / This financial years spend £35000 – so this would be a 115K increase	This is a statutory requirement and Dorset does not currently have this in place. Currently we do this on a needs basis so some Care Leavers will receive more than £2000 through different support at different times and others less. This is a fairer system.	Essential				82,286	
	Application to Local Assistance fund if in receipt of benefits														
Personal Budget for Former Relevant care Leavers- this can be used by the care leaver over the period of time they are within Leaving Care. Could be used for budgeting payments, emergency assistance, clothing, additional accommodation costs, photo ID, learning to drive, leisure activities, travel to visit family / significant others, travel to employment				yes, allowance of £700 split over 7 years			no	no		Fixed sum of money which can be drawn upon by care leaver in agreement with PA. Allows development of financial literacy and personal choice and control of their own spending					28,300
Personal allowance	Yes			No financial support is available				Relevant care leavers allowances @ £80 PER WEEK	No change	Essential	Duty - already in place	To CP Board for information only		20,856	
	provided by carers	Personal allowance at least equivalent to Universal Credit (UC) standard allowance	UC can be claimed if no other income available												
			via personal budget			no financial support available									
Emergency assistance	Not applicable	Via personal budget					no financial support		Currently on request - want this to be equitable and an allowance for all, that is more realistic	Essential	Contingency finance available to access, where Local Assistant Fund is not available - plan is to replace the approach.	Requires CSLT approval. Review amount and calculation based on current number of young people.			
Clothing allowance	Yes			via personal budget			no financial support available	Relevant care leavers - £50 clothing allowance		Essential					3,000
	provided by carers	Monthly clothing allowance	College related clothing – college bursary should be used												
			Work related clothing – if claiming UC, application to be made to DWP flexible support Fund												
			Lantern Charity Shop												
			Workwear shops												
Mobile phone contract - DAISY			Yes			no	no	£3 monthly tariff		Essential				10,188	
Rent / accommodation costs	Not applicable	Yes		No financial assistance towards rent or accom. costs as these must be affordable		No financial support is available	as Former Relevant	Relevant care leavers accom. costs covered through central payments to supported housing providers							
		Rent & support costs paid		Benefits or student finance can be claimed to assist with rent costs if not in employment											
		You may have to pay a service charge for utilities & food		Top up payments for accom. in the London Boroughs may be considered subject to financial assessment.			as Former Relevant								
LAC nurse survival kit	No			Yes - Provided by LAC nurses team at or around 18 th birthday		No			n/a						-
Leaving Care New Home parcel (Initial shopping & cleaning products when moving into first independent home - to include: Washing up liquid, Washing powder, Bleach / cleaning products, Cleaning cloths / sponges, Tea towel, Bin bags, Compostable bags, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower gel	n/a	Yes			Yes (if not already received previously)		No	n/a	£35 per box budgeted over		Essential	Right thing to do	To CP Board for information only		3,300

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Condoms, shower gel, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Toilet rolls, Cling film, Foil, Salt, Pepper, Ketchup / Sauce, Vinegar, Cooking oil, Teabags / Coffee, Sugar, UHT milk = Approx. £20 shop / Basic cook book / Tin can cook / cooking on a bootstrap Jack Monroe - £10 / New home card with £5 food voucher for first meal shop			Initial shopping & cleaning products when moving into first independent home						3 years						3,302
Storage costs (Team storage unit in Dorchester available for short term emergency storage of up to 3 months)	Not applicable				No financial support available				Existing storage costs for 2 containers		Essential		use of county hall storage areas?		2,592
Council Tax	Not applicable				Yes	Must be applied for by care leaver	Yes	no cost to Leaving Care		Essential					
From April 2020 Full council tax exemption for Dorset care leavers who are responsible for council tax if living alone & in Dorset															
25% reduction for care leavers living with someone else & living in Dorset															
If you live outside of Dorset Council, a claim has to be made to the local authority you live in to assess if you need to pay council tax															
Photographic identity documents	Yes				No financial support is available			£43 per driving licence per care leaver budgeted over 3 years		Essential					
	Full cost of first adult passport & birth certificate		Available through Personal Budget												
	If for any reason you cannot get a passport we will fund the full cost of alternative photographic ID (provisional driving licence, ID card)														
	If you lose your ID or birth certificate, we will meet the cost of one replacement														
Maternity	Yes				No financial support is available			Total per care leaver £120		Essential					
	One off Maternity clothing grant up to £100 towards suitable bra’s & comfortable clothing.														
	Maternity grant paid within 11 weeks of the baby’s due date or within 6 months after the baby’s birth equal to sure start maternity grant		Universal maternity benefits & Sure start maternity grant can be claimed											3 pregnant care leavers	Essential
	Congratulatory card & £10 new baby gift				15 care leavers who are parents or pregnant over 3 years	Essential									
	Preparation to be a new parent – support to attend groups – new parent book, essentials box if not getting a Bounty box														
					New parent book £10										
Further Education	Yes				Yes, subject to assessment			No financial support is available	as Former Relevant					Varies – minimal costs	
	All care leavers in further education can receive a bursary of £1200 which can be claimed through college between the ages of 16 & 19. This is to help with the costs of attending the course, including transport, equipment & trips.			Learner support can be applied for through college to help pay towards accom., travel course materials & equipment											
				If you are over 19, Learner support can be applied for through college to help pay towards accom., travel, course materials & equipment or possible application to Advance Learner Bursary fund to pay towards accom., travel, equipment	If receiving the 19+ Advanced Learner Loan, application can be made to the Advance Learner Bursary fund to pay towards accom., travel, equipment etc										
Further Education – course fees	Not applicable				Yes, Subject to assessment.		No financial support is available	as Former Relevant		Essential				Varies – minimal costs	
					There may or may not be funding available for L2 course fees. We will check whether a L2 has already been achieved										
					19 + Advance learner loan should be applied for Level 3 course fees										
Part time learning	Yes, Subject to assessment					No financial support available	as Former Relevant		Essential				Varies – minimal costs		
	we may be able to support some part time learning courses														
Online learning courses	No financial support available									Essential					
Childcare costs to facilitate study or employment	Yes				Yes, subject to assessment			No financial support available		Essential					
	Via college bursary or Care to Learn							as Former Relevant							
	Or subject to assessment if not eligible for college bursary							as Former Relevant							
					If receiving the 19+ Advanced Learner Loan, application can be made to the Advance Learner Bursary fund to pay towards child care costs										
					if claiming UC, application to be made to DWP Flexible Support Fund										
Travel fares to college	Yes				via personal budget			none	yes, subject to assessment	Essential			Varies – minimal costs		
	Via college bursary														
				Or subject to assessment if not eligible for college bursary											
Travel fares to first employment	Yes				via personal budget		none	cost of first weeks travel costs up to £50	11 working Q care leavers @£50 each - budgeted over 3 years	Essential				184	
			Travel to interviews if claiming UC, application to be made to DWP flexible support fund												
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Work related clothing / equipment	Yes						none	Yes, subject to assessment, one off	11 working Q care leavers @ £100 each divided by 3 years		Essential				366
Training courses											Essential				Varies – minimal costs
Apprenticeships															
Need to consider a package which is in an incentive to YP / EG – some local authorities are paying an additional income, or helping with a travel pass. What makes it worth their while to consider an apprenticeship if wage is low (18+ wage is only low in 1st year)															
Apprenticeship wage 4.15 per hour until 19 years old. Or after 1st year of apprenticeship if over 19 years. Then national living wage.															
Pathway to employment scheme															-
Work Experience															-
Voluntary work															-
Need to consider - Incentive payment for work experience / training / voluntary work / internship / traineeship							No financial support is available	as Former Relevant	£30 per week, per care leaver per year, ALL NEET, over 3 year period	We recognise that too many of our Care Leavers are NEET and we need to provide incentives to re-engage with EET and this	Essential				aspiration to achieve in 2021/22
Access to a business mentor through the chamber of commerce scheme															-
Travel to visit family or significant others	Yes														
University bursary															24,000
															16,000
															12,000
															4,167
OU studies bursary															-
University Vacation accommodation / 12 weeks support – approx. summer vacation is 3 months															37,200
Carpeting for lounge & bedroom of a long term local authority tenancy															
IT equipment - must be in education or training for more than 12 hours a week															12,000
Care Leavers in custody	n/a														1,564
Learning to Drive															
Immigration, citizenship asylum applications															-
Leisure / Gym															-
Birthday & festival gifts	Yes, provided by carers														aspiration to achieve in 2021/22
Cold Weather payments	Not applicable														aspiration to achieve in 2021/22

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			Application to Warm Home Discount Scheme via fuel supplier												