

# CARE LEAVERS IN SOUTH GLOS

## What do I need to know?

South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership

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## THE LOCAL OFFER

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- Health & Wellbeing
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The Local Offer is co-produced with young people



Recent Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews have told us that professionals don't always know what is available when they are working with a care leaver

[Click here to read Family A](#)

## LOCAL OFFER BOOKLET



- A summary of what care leavers are entitled to
- Available as a hard copy or to download [here](#)
- Easy Read version available [here](#)
- This is a LIVE offer so always check on the website as new things are added all the time



Apple App store



There is an App called 'Bridges'

- Download it onto your phone
- Make sure you always mention this to Care Experienced young people you work with
- Get familiar with what is available

Google Play App store



[Click for Apple](#)  
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When I say I am a  
Care Leaver,  
they don't know what  
that means

A group of young people aged  
16–25 recently told the Children's  
Partnership Exec this about their experience with  
professionals. If a young person told you they are  
a Care Leaver  
what would you do?

[Check here to understand more about care leavers and their  
entitlements](#)

## HEALTH & WELLBEING



Care leavers have access to leisure  
facilities as part of the local offer:

- Free gym membership
- Free swimming
- Free Classes
- South Glos Council pays towards  
Christmas and other religious festivals  
and pays towards birthday celebrations

## RELATIONSHIPS

Care leavers have access to  
mentoring schemes and advocacy.  
The council participation team  
support the Experienced Panel in  
Care (EPIC) they focus on listening  
to your experiences, challenging  
stigma, and improving things for  
other young people



## DID YOU KNOW?

Care leavers have  
access to the Care  
Leaving Team.

- ✓ You could ask them  
about this, maybe ask  
for consent to link up.
- ✓ You can and should  
always check the young  
person has access to  
the local offer and has  
seen the Bridges app
- ✓ You can positively  
promote the tools and  
help available.
- ✓ Don't just tell them  
about it - have the app  
on your phone and  
show them.

[Find out more about  
the local offer for Care  
Leavers in South  
Gloucestershire here](#)

## EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING



- Work Experience in the council
- Funding for work or interview  
clothes
- Paying towards travel to work or  
training
- Each Care Leaver has a  
personalised Education,  
Employment and/or Training  
Plan
- Care Leavers who aspire to go to  
University are supported by the  
Virtual School and Personal  
Advisor

## ACCOMMODATION



- Care leavers have priority  
(band A) for social housing until 25
- Practice for independent living in taster  
flats
- Assistance as a guarantor and with  
deposits
- Setting up allowance
- Help with TV licence and broadband
- Council Tax exemption until 25

## PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY



- Care Leavers are provided with a set of ID documents  
when they leave care (Passport, provisional licence)
- They can have help paying for driving lessons and test  
fees

