

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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- Participation in Society

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



BRIDGES SG - iOS

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



BRIDGES SG - Android

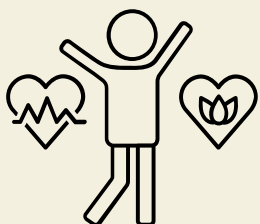
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When I say I am a
Care Leaver,
they don't know what
that means

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

