**Local Authority Details.**

Do you accept responsibility for your local council publishing a care leaver offer? YES

Has your local authority made care experience a protected characteristic? NO

**Publishing the Local Offer**

Have you published the Local Offer for Care Leavers?YES

If yes, how

Printable format (please attach pdf) NO

Online YES

If yes, where

[leicester.gov.uk/leavingcare](https://www.leicester.gov.uk/leavingcare)

Downloadable App NO

If yes, please give details (Name/publisher)

Have care leavers co-produced the Local Offer YES

If yes, please give details

Via the Rights and Participation Team

Who would you like to be the main contact for your care leavers to contact you?

Name Duty System

Email LeavingCareTeam-Duty@leicester.gov.uk

Phone 0116 454 2811

Who is the Director responsible for Childrens Services?

Name Damian Elcock Assistant Director (From 21 Aug 2023)

Email damian.elcock@leicester.gov.uk

**Council Tax exemption**

Do you provide council tax exemption for Care Leavers? YES

If yes up to what age 25

Is this only available to care leavers from your local authority? YES

Please tell us what care leavers must do to apply?

The Leaving Care Team will help with applying for the exemption.

**Employment**

Do you offer any work experience within your local authority for Care Leavers? NO

If yes, how many per year?

Will your local authority pay for work/interview clothes to help care leavers into work? YES

Will your local authority pay towards travel to work or training for care leavers? YES

Have you ringfenced any apprentices for Care Leavers YES

Are Care Leavers in your local authority working as apprentices? YES

If yes, how many per year? 3

Please tell us anything else about work and training that you do to support care leavers?

Tailored support through the Connexions Information Advice and Guidance Service,

For Interviews, CV preparation etc.

**Participation in society**

**Identification and proof of address**

Do you ensure each young person has ID documents when they leave care? YES

If yes, do you provide, pay for and help the young person gain their:

First passport YES

Provisional driving license YES

Birth certificate YES

**Getting care leavers on the road**

Do you in principle *(Accepting this is not always a blanket offer)*

 assist with driving lessons? YES

assist with theory tests? YES

assist with driving tests? YES

assist with CBT tests? YES

Have local partners supported you with free travel for care leavers? NO

**Access to corporate parents**

Do care leavers have the opportunity to meet with their corporate parents (councilors) YES

Do care leavers have the opportunity for mentoring with any of the senior leadership team? NO

If yes, please give details

**Children in care and care leavers council**

Do you have a Children in care and care leaver council YES

If yes, please provide details. (How many attend and age groups/contact details)

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| Children In care council has approx. 12 young people at present for ages 9-18.Care leavers has 5 for ages 15 up to 25. Contact can be made via youth.advocacy@leicester.gov.uk  |

Does your children in care and care leavers council have its own bank account? NO

Does your children and care leavers council have its own constitution? NO

**Health and wellbeing**

Do care leavers get free access to leisure facilities as part of the local offer? YES

Do care leavers have access to a free gym membership? YES

Do care leavers has access to free swimming? YES

Do care leavers have access to free classes? NO

If yes, up to what age?

If care leavers get free access to leisure facilities, can they take a friend for free? NO

Who can care leavers contact to apply? N/A

Name Leaving Care Team Duty

Email leavingcareteamduty@leicester.gov.uk

Phone 0116 4542811

**Special occasions**

Do you pay anything towards Christmas and other religious celebrations for care leavers? YES

If yes, please provide details.

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| Festival vouchers |

Do you pay anything towards birthday celebrations for care leavers? NO

If yes, please provide details.

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| N/A |

**Mentoring schemes**

Do you have peer mentors (other care leavers)? NO

Do you have any other mentoring schemes NO

If yes, please provide details.

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**Access to care files**

Do young people have to go through the complaints department to access their care files? NO

Do those that access their files get emotional support before, during and after disclosure? YES

If yes, please give details

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| Our access to records service will support young people along with their Leaving Care Advisor. |

**Housing**

Do care leavers get priority banding for social housing? YES

If yes, up to what age do they get priority 25

If yes, what banding priority do they get?

Priority banding 1

Please tell us about any further details on how they qualify and what they should do?

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| On making application the Leaving Care Advisor will support the young person in gaining priority banding.  |

Do care leavers get to practice independent living with short term taster flats (practice flats) NO

**Private rental sector.**

*(Accepting this is not always a blanket offer)*

Do you in principle assist with:

acting as a guarantor for care leavers in private rented property? NO

providing a deposit for care leavers in private rented property? YES

**Setting up home allowance**

Do you provide care leavers with a setting up allowance? YES

If yes, how much? 3K

Would you in principle assist with:

*(Accepting this is not always a blanket offer)*

support to pay at least the first year TV License for care leavers? YES

support to pay at least the first-year home contents insurance? NO

support to pay for redecoration costs of a care leavers first flat? YES

support with broadband costs for care leavers? YES

support with mobile phone costs for care leavers? YES

Will your local authority pay towards cooking equipment? YES