

## APPENDIX A - Financial Model for Care Leavers to support their transition to adulthood

Item	Current policy	Proposed policy		Comment
Setting up home allowance - independent living	£1,786.00	£1,786.00		For setting up home including months rent and deposits for accommodation. Basic home care needs Hoover, cooker, ironing board etc.
Winter clothing allowance per annum	£120.00	£120.00		Currently payable to 21/24 years of age.
Clothing allowance per calendar month up to 18 years of age.	£240.00	£240.00		Up to 18 years.
Birthday Allowance at 18 and 21 years	£100.00	£300.00		To pay each birthday, 16 to 21 years of age if living independently
Transition at 18 years	£53.85	£53.85		This is the amount that a young person could claim in benefits if not a Looked After Child
Cultural Festival allowance to 21 years of age	£20.00	£20.00		This would be assessed against known cultural designations
Access to education £300.00	£300.00	£300.00		Pending assessment and young persons engagement in education. The £300 would be a maximum
Cost of obtaining key document	£100.00	£100.00		Based on need
Computer Grant	£500.00	£500.00		Based on assessed need.
Driving Lessons, theory test, licence and test	up to £150.00	up to £150.00		Payment will match 5 driving lessons to young persons' own contribution and £62.00 for driving test, £31.00 for theory test and £50.00 for provisional driving licence. The young person must save for 10 lessons before seeking assistance. Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children status must be checked.
Activities in relation to peer group	£300.00	£300.00		Single annual payment on assessed need

Winter heating allowance per annum	£60.00	£300.00		£300.00 paid for first year of independent living.
College Incentive per annum	£400.00	£400.00		Education Maintenance Allowance is no longer current but schools with 6th forms and FE providers are able to provide support from the grant they receive from the Young People's Learning Agency. Support will be on assessed need based on whether the young person has exploited all other routes of support.
Higher Education needs	£5,000.00	£5,000.00		This is a maximum amount per academic year of the course taking into account grant/bursary arrangements.
Special needs	This is cost as per item	This is cost as per item		Individual payments for equipment due to special learning need
Emergency payments per annum	£60.00	£60.00		Maximum amount payable for emergency situations, e.g. lost cash etc., to 18 years only
Family contact	Assessed need	Actual amount required		Assessment of travel costs to maintain family contact
Child maternity grant	Assessed need	Actual amount required		Assessment of need following conception and birth
Disabled students allowance	Assessed need	as required		Individual payments for equipment or specialist travel due to disability
Counselling	Assessed need	as required		Mental health services will usually provide
Interpreters	Assessed need	Automatic entitlement where english not preferred language		Individual assessment of need
Family Tracing	Assessed need	Referral to Red Cross and possible need for interpreter		Individual assessment of the amount of support required

Legal appointments	Assessed need	All appointments will be supported in evidence and needs assessed		Individual assessment of the amount of support required up to 18 years