

Appendix 5: Checklist for SW when Working with Young People

REMEMBER

For young people who are 16

Consider eligibility

'Young people are entitled to leaving care support if they have had 13 weeks in the care of the LA, after their 14th birthday where some or all of it is on or after their 16th birthday.'

Once this has been assessed

Things to remember for young people

- Check and challenge what placement is doing to support child/young person learn to cook/clean/budget/build their confidence to learn, make mistakes and grow.
- Have you applied for the NI number and is it in place by 16 ½
- Have you made sure that the young person has all the identification documents they need that will support them access financial support post 18
- Have you made sure the young person has a usable bank account
- When the young person is 16 you need to be completing the pathway plan with the young person
- Make sure the pathway plan has all boxes filled in
- Make sure the pathway plan is aspirational is comprehensive and that the voice of the young person is clearly evident throughout the plan.
- Make sure the pathway plan is reviewed at a minimum of 6 months or when there is a significant change
- Introduce them to the Journey

Remember that Leaving Care are at the end of the phone for advice/support/guidance on any of the above.