

## **Appendix 7: Checklist for IROs**

### **REMEMBER:**

#### **For all young people who are looked after**

- 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.

#### **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 14<sup>th</sup> birthday where some or all of it is on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Check NI number has been applied for and is in place by 16 ½
- Check young person has all the identification documents they need that will support them access financial support post 18
- Check the young person has a usable bank account
- Make sure that it is the pathway plan that comes to review on or around the young person's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. If not the pathway plan – LAC review should be delayed.
- Make sure this pathway plan has all boxes filled in
- Make sure the pathway plan is aspirational
- Make sure the young person is aware of their entitlements

If any of these aspects have not been addressed – advised these should be recommendations to be addressed by the following LAC review

If any of these aspects have not been addressed over 2 LAC reviews consideration given to raising dispute resolution.

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