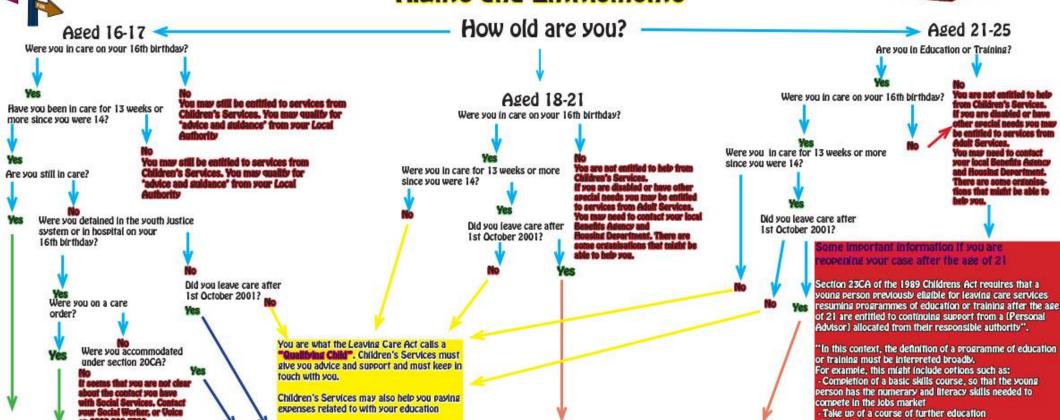


A Quick Guide to your **Rights and Entitlements**





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Give you weekly money which must not be less than you would have sot on benefits (vou canfi claim benefits unless you are disabled or a lone parent

Give you money or pay for things for you to help you furnish your accommodation

Pay for other things to meet your specific needs which are set out in your Rathway Rian

You are what the Leaving Care Act calls a "Former Relevant" Child. Children's Services still have duties towards you. They must:

Review your Pathway Plan

Continue to provide you with a Personal Advisor

Pay for the things set out in your Pathway Plan

Help you to stay on in education by paying towards the costs of your education and having a place to stay (they will expect you to get a student loan if you are at university)

You can also claim benefits, the same as any other young person.

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Take up of a university place

Support to enable the young person to complete a recognised postgraduate qualification

Or participation in vocational training and apprenticeships".

"The duties of the local authority continue for as long as the young person continues to pursue the agreed programme of education. The local authority's duties are as set out in the re-instated pathway plan".

If you wish to carry on education at Level 3 or 4 and are 24+ you can apply for an Advanced Learning loan at https://www. gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans/overview

