

# ➤ Financial Support for Care Leavers



## 16 and 17 year old

### Paying for accommodation

Usually young people will remain in care until the age of 18. However if a young person leaves care before this age your Social Worker and YPA will have been actively involved in planning for this.

Unless you are sick or a lone parent Durham County Council are responsible for paying most of your rent when you are under the age of 18.

You will be entitled to a setting up home allowance to help you with the essential items you need.

### Living expenses

As well as paying rent costs you will be entitled to weekly income maintenance, this is paid at the same amount as you would receive if you were claiming benefits. In most cases this will be paid directly into your bank account.

If you are sick or a lone parent you will be entitled to benefits instead of income maintenance.





## 18 and over

If you are not working full time you will be entitled to claim benefit including:

- Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Support
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit

Welfare Rights will assist you with making any claims that you need to make.

If you go to college you may be entitled to financial assistance from us.



## Over 21

If you are in further or higher education after the age of 21 we can provide support and assistance. This can be provided until you are 25 if you remain in education.

