

## Who is a Care Leaver?

<p><b>Eligible</b></p>	<p><b>You are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• looked after,</li> <li>• aged 16 or 17, and</li> <li>• have been looked after by Lambeth for at least 13 weeks (which could be made up of two or more shorter periods), which began after you reached 14</li> </ul>	<p><b>You are entitled to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a pathway plan informed by an assessment of your needs</li> <li>• an Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) who will oversee the planning for your future</li> <li>• a social worker to support you, carry out the tasks in your pathway plan and visit you at least every 6 weeks</li> </ul>
<p><b>Relevant</b></p>	<p><b>You are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aged 16 or 17</li> <li>• no longer in care, but were eligible (see above)</li> </ul>	<p><b>You are entitled to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a pathway plan informed by an assessment of your needs</li> <li>• a social worker or personal adviser to support you, carry out the tasks in your pathway plan and keep in touch with you at least every 2 months</li> <li>• help with providing you with suitable accommodation and support to help you into employment, training or education</li> </ul>
<p><b>Former Relevant</b></p>	<p><b>You are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aged 18 - 20, and</li> <li>• were either relevant or eligible immediately before your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday</li> </ul>	<p><b>You are entitled to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a pathway plan informed by an assessment of your needs</li> <li>• a social worker or personal adviser to support you, carry out the tasks in your pathway plan and keep in touch with you at least every 2 months</li> <li>• help to provide you with suitable accommodation and support to help you into employment, training or education</li> <li>• continuing support as described in your pathway plan if you are on a course of education which started before you are 21 but ends after that</li> </ul>
<p><b>Former relevant pursuing further</b></p>	<p><b>You are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aged under 25 and were former relevant immediately before you reached age 21, and</li> </ul>	<p><b>You are entitled to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a personal adviser who will carry out an assessment of your need to pursue a course of education or training</li> </ul>

<p><b>education or training</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have informed Lambeth Council that you want to pursue or are pursuing a programme of education or training</li> <li>• this means that even if you stopped getting a leaving care service at 21 or later, you can come back and ask us to assess your needs again at any time before you are 25 if you start, or decide you want to start, a programme of education or training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a pathway plan and support if the assessment agrees that the course of education or training is appropriate</li> <li>• some financial assistance if the course of education or training requires it</li> </ul>
<p><b>Former relevant not in further education or training</b></p>	<p><b>You are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aged 21 to 24 and were former relevant immediately before you reached age 21, and</li> <li>• are not in further education or training</li> </ul>	<p><b>You are entitled to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice and support from a Personal Advisor as needed.</li> <li>• An assessment of needs which can inform a pathway plan or part of a pathway plan (depending upon level of need).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Qualifying</b></p>	<p><b>You are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aged 16-20 and</li> <li>• spent less than 13 weeks looked after so were never relevant or eligible, or</li> <li>• you were relevant when you left care at 16+, but lived with a parent for 6 months or more before you reached 18</li> </ul>	<p><b>You are entitled to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice and befriending from the local authority where you live</li> <li>• Subject to an assessment, financial help normally associated with education or training</li> </ul>