**Supporting your work with care leavers in custody**

**Resource list**

Useful websites

**Become:** <https://www.becomecharity.org.uk/about-us/>

**Coram Voice:** <https://coramvoice.org.uk/>

**The Care leavers’ Foundation:** <http://www.thecareleaversfoundation.org/>

**The Care leavers’ Association:** <http://www.careleavers.com/>

**National Youth Advocacy Service:** <https://youngpeople.nyas.net/>

**Care Leaver Covenant:** <https://mycovenant.org.uk/>

Rights, benefits and entitlements for care leavers

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/assets/documents/CareLeavers.pdf>

<https://coramvoice.org.uk/young-peoples-zone/what-are-my-rights-and-entitlements>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/help-at-hand/leaving-care-your-rights/>

Help to define a care leaver

<https://coramvoice.org.uk/young-peoples-zone/am-i-care-leaver>

Information for young people about family estrangement

<https://www.standalone.org.uk/guides/adultchildren/>

Advocacy services for care leavers

The **Coram Voice's Always Heard** team maintains the national database of local authority advocacy services for care leavers. This is the most accurate and up to date list of advocacy services. <https://coramvoice.org.uk/young-peoples-zone/always-heard>. Alternatively the Always Heard team can be contacted directly on **0808 800 5792.**

The **National Youth Advocacy Service** can also provide advocates for Care leavers. They can be contacted directly on: 0808 808 1001 or visit the website for more information about the service: <https://youngpeople.nyas.net/index.php/about-us/advocacy>.

Support and information for care leavers who are parents

<http://www.frg.org.uk/ypa/need-help-or-advice/care-leavers>

Grants available for care leavers

<https://www.capstonecareleaverstrust.org/>

<http://www.thecareleaversfoundation.org/About_Grants>

<https://www.buttleuk.org/need-support/young-people#help>

<http://dev.reesfoundation.org/what-we-do>

<http://www.sparkfoundation.org.uk/FAQGrants.html>

Phone/advice lines for care leavers

**Become Care Advice Line**

For young people in Care, Care leavers and those supporting them, the phoneline provides advice about money, health and wellbeing, rights and entitlements, housing and education, contacting family members and signposting to local services.

Freephone 0800 023 2033 / [advice@becomecharity.org.uk](mailto:advice@becomecharity.org.uk)

**Coram Always Heard Advice Line**

For looked after children and care leavers to find out about their rights and access support.

**Freephone**0808 800 5792 or WhatsApp  +44 (0)7758 670369

**Text** 07758 670369 (you can send a text to this number and ask for someone to call you back, texts to this number are at your standard rate for sending texts, calls to this number cannot be answered).

**Email** [help@coramvoice.org.uk](mailto:help@coramvoice.org.uk)

Factsheets for young people about different aspects of leaving care

These free downloadable factsheets cover:

* Pathway Plans
* Who’s who in Children’s Services
* Financial Entitlements for Care leavers
* Entitlements in High Education.

<https://www.becomecharity.org.uk/for-young-people/care-factsheets/> (available in 7 different languages)

Information about housing options

<http://england.shelter.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1308457/Factsheet_Help_for_care_leavers_18.pdf>

Support and information for young refugees and asylum seekers

<https://coramvoice.org.uk/sites/default/files/Who%20is%20Who%20leaflet%20online%20version_0.pdf>

www.childrenslegalcentre.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Leaving-Care-Support-June-2018-FINAL.pdf

Understanding local authorities’ roles in supporting care leavers

<https://careleaverpp.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Support-for-care-leavers-resource-pack.pdf>

Reducing Offending by Looked After Children (Nacro, 2012) [https://3bx16p38bchl32s0e12di03h-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp content/uploads/2012/05/reducing-reoffending-by-looked-after-children.pdf](https://3bx16p38bchl32s0e12di03h-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp%20content/uploads/2012/05/reducing-reoffending-by-looked-after-children.pdf)

Contact details for your local leaving care teams in the community

You might contact a local authority (with a young person’s permission) to:

* Identify/contact a personal advisor/social worker for a care leaver in custody
* Check a young persons’ care leaver status
* Engage local authority in resettlement/sentence planning for a care leaver
* Inform the local authority that a care leaver is in custody
* Help to identify significant others/family members for a care leaver.

You might access a local offer to:

* Identify support/services available to care leavers in that area
* Share information with a care leaver about the range of support available. Many local offers are written as colourful leaflets that are accessible to young people (see links below). It may be useful for a care leaver to go through the local offer before they meet with their personal advisor.
* Identify contact details of services/individuals within the local authority.

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| Local authority | Contact number for care leavers 18-25 team | Link to local offer for care leavers |
| Bradford | Odsal: [01274 436760](tel:01274%20436760) Shipley: [01274 437123](tel:01274%20437123) | [www.bradford.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/looked-after-children/the-leaving-care-service/](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/looked-after-children/the-leaving-care-service/) |
| Doncaster | [01302 737559](tel:+441302737559) | [www.doncasterchildrenstrust.co.uk/how-we-can-help-you/inspiring-futures](http://www.doncasterchildrenstrust.co.uk/how-we-can-help-you/inspiring-futures) |
| Hull | 01482 615650 | [www.hull.gov.uk/children-and-families/advice-and-support-young-people/care-leavers-local-offer](http://www.hull.gov.uk/children-and-families/advice-and-support-young-people/care-leavers-local-offer) |
| Leeds | **0113 378 1149** | www.leeds.gov.uk/youthinformationHub/care-leavers |
| Lincolnshire | **01522 575955** | https://lincolnshire.fsd.org.uk/kb5/lincs/fsd/family.page?familychannel=1800 |
| North East Lincolnshire | 01472 326292 | <https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/safeguarding-and-social-care/childrens-social-care/looked-children-care-leavers/through-care/#1449741658530-08c73c4a-2636> |
| North Lincolnshire | 01724 296500 | <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Local-Offer-to-care-leavers-revised-July-2018.pdf> |
| North Yorkshire | Northallerton Team (North): [01609 533796](tel:01609533796)  Scarborough Team (East): [01609 536193](tel:01609536193)  Selby Team (South): [01609 535633](tel:01609535633)  Knaresborough Team (West): [01609 533865](tel:01609533865) | https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/core-offer-care-leavers |
| Nottingham | 0115 8761333 | [www.asklion.co.uk/kb5/nottingham/directory/advice.page?id=wtrOoglUhDY](http://www.asklion.co.uk/kb5/nottingham/directory/advice.page?id=wtrOoglUhDY) |
| Rotherham | 01709 822673 |  |
| Sheffield | 0114 2039060 | <https://democracy.sheffield.gov.uk/documents/s33362/Care%20Leavers%202.pdf> |
| Wakefield | 01924 306139 | <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/local-offer-for-care-leavers> |
| York | 01904 555389 | [www.york.gov.uk/.../323/children\_and\_young\_people\_leaving\_care](http://www.york.gov.uk/.../323/children_and_young_people_leaving_care) |