

# Leaving Care...

You will have a Pathway Plan; this will help you prepare for independent living and identify the support you will need.

You have the right to be taken seriously and treated with respect.

You will get the Higher Education Bursary of £2,000 if you are going on to higher education or university. If you stay in full time education between the ages of 16 – 19 you should get a £1,200 bursary, your education provider will tell you more.

You have the right to have a copy and a full explanation of your Pathway Plan.

You have a right to have somewhere suitable to live, which is safe, and your views must be listened to about what you want.

You have a right to a leaving care grant. This will support you to get what you need and help you to feel safe, secure and stable within your accommodation, your PA will advise you.

At the age of 18 years you have the right to claim benefits, if you are entitled; your PA should support you with this, your PA should help you with this.

Your Pathway Plan must be reviewed at least every six months.

You have the right to a Personal Advisor (PA) until the age of 21 or 25 if you are in or, have returned to further education – if it is in your pathway plan.

You have a right to have a voice and be involved with your Children in Care Council. Contact - [childrensrights@csv.org.uk](mailto:childrensrights@csv.org.uk)

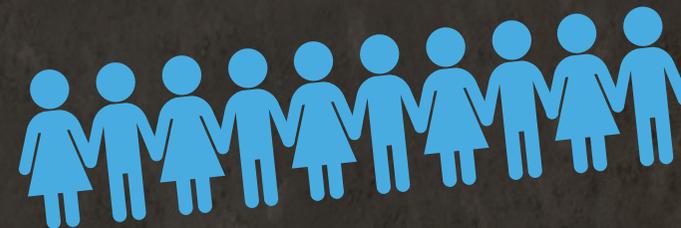
## Who are the Children in Care Council?

The Children in Care Council is a group of children and young people in Derby who are in care or leaving care. The Children in Care Council meet every month, and children and young people are given the opportunity to have their say, be listened too and make changes for all looked after children. At meetings we discuss the things that need to be changed to make life better for us and then the big bosses come and listen to what we think!

If you would like more information on the Children in Care Council or about the services offered by The Children's Rights Service to all Derby City looked after children and young people, please contact us on 01332 869392, 07746299602 or [childrensrights@csv.org.uk](mailto:childrensrights@csv.org.uk) It would be great to hear from you!

This leaflet has been produced with the help of the Derby City Children in Care Council in conjunction with The Children's Rights Service.

# Children in Care Rights



We'd like to help you know your rights!



Derby City Council

# Children and Young People in Care...

You will be allocated a Social Care Worker; it is their role to make sure you are well cared for and safe, they will see you on a regular basis and make sure all your needs are being met.

If you stay in full time education between the ages of 16 – 19 you should get a £1.200 bursary, your education provider will tell you more.

You will be allocated an Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO). It is their job to make sure you get what is best for you from your local authority whilst you are in care. Your IRO will chair your Statutory LAC Review. These are meetings to review your care plan and suggest any changes that need to be made to it. Your IRO will communicate with you prior to the meeting to discuss your wishes and feelings and to ensure that you participate in a way that you want.

You have a right to see information written about you, if you would like to access your files you should ask or write to your social worker.

You have a right to have your race, culture, religion, language, gender, sexuality and disability taken in to consideration.

You have a right to make a complaint if you are not happy.

You have a right to have a voice and be involved with your Children in Care Council.

You will have a health assessment and a health care plan; to make sure you have regular health check ups and you are healthy.

You have a right to have your voice heard and taken in to account when decisions are being made about you.

You have the right to an Advocate to support you if you are not happy with any part of your care.

As part of your care plan you should have a placement plan, this should take into account what you want and how you will be cared for, also how the people caring for you will help meet your needs.

You are entitled to a Personal Education Plan (PEP) and a designated teacher at your school to make sure you can do as well as other young people.

You have a right to be protected and kept safe.

You have the right to be taken seriously and treated with respect.