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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI311792397

Thank you for your request for information relating to Local Offer for care leavers.

Your request and our responses are shown below:

Publishing the Local Offer

1. Have you published the Local Offer for Care Leavers? If Yes, how?

- a. Printable format (please attached pdf)**
- b. Online if Yes, where**

2. Downloadable App If yes, please give details (Name/publisher)

3. Have care leavers fed co-produced the Local Offer with corporate. If yes, please give details

4. Who would you like to be the main contact for your care leavers to contact you?

5. Do you ensure each young person has ID Documents when they leave care?

If yes, do you provide pay for and help the young person gain their.

a. First Passport

b. Provisional Driving License

c. Birth Certificate

Help to get care leavers on the road (accepting this is not always a blanket offer)

6. Do you in principal assist with:

a. Driving Lessons

b. Theory Test

c. Driving Test

d. CBT Test

Gym and leisure center access for care leavers

7. Gym membership for care leavers

8. Free access to swimming

9. Free access to classes. If yes up to what age?

10. Can care leavers take a friend?

11. Who can care leavers contact to apply?

Council Tax Exemption

12. Do you provide council tax exemption for Care Leavers? If yes up to what age?

a. Is this only available to care leavers from your local authority?

13. Please tell us what care leavers must do to apply?

Social Housing

14. Do care leavers get priority banding for social housing? If yes up to what age to they get priority? What banding priority do they get

15. Please tell us any further details on how they qualify and what they should do?

Practice flats

16. Do care leavers get to practice independent living with short term taster flats? If yes, please give details.

Guarantor in the private rental sector (accepting this is not always a blanket offer)

17. Do you in principal assist with acting as a guarantor for care leavers in private rented property? If yes, please give details.

Deposit in the private rental sector (accepting this is not always a blanket offer)

Do you in principal assist with:

18. Will your local authority provide a deposit for care leavers in private rented property? If yes, please give details.

Setting up home allowance

19. Do you provide care leavers with a setting up allowance? If yes, how much?

20. Accepting this is not always a blanket offer – would you in principle assist with:

a. Support to pay at least the first year TV License for care leavers?

b. Support to pay at least the first year home contents insurance?

c. Support to pay for redecoration costs of a care leavers first flat?

d. Support with broadband costs for care leavers?

e. Support with mobile phone costs for care leavers?

f. Will your local authority pay towards cooking equipment

Work and training

21. Do you offer any work experience within your local authority for Care Leavers? If yes, how many per year?

a. If no, would you consider it?

22. Will your local authority pay for work/interview clothes to help care leavers into work?

23. Will your local authority pay towards travel to work or training for care leavers?

24. Do you ring fence any apprentices within your local authority for Care Leavers? If yes, how many per year?

25. How many care leavers are working in your local authority as apprentices? If yes, how many per year?

26. Please tell us anything else about work and training that you do to support care leavers?

Special occasions

27. Do you pay anything towards Christmas or other religious celebrations for care leavers If yes, please give details

28. Do you pay anything towards birthday celebrations for care leavers? If yes, please give details.

Travel

29. Have Local partners supported you with free travel for care leavers?

- a. Bus**
- b. Train**
- c. Other**
- d. If yes, please give details.**
- e. If no, please give details of what you do?**

30. Mentoring Schemes

- a. Peer mentors (other care leavers) yes/no**
- b. Other mentoring scheme yes/no**
- c. If yes, please give details**

For Questions 1 to 30c, following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/37/childrens_social_care/216/care_leavers

Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the [Council's web site](#) and in particular its FOI/EIR [Disclosure log](#), [Council's Publication Scheme](#), [Open Data](#) and [Facts about Coventry](#).

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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