

## What support will you get?

You will have the support of a Personal Adviser up to the age of 25. If the assessment decides that you are entitled to ongoing support this will be agreed in your new Pathway Plan. This Plan will focus on the support you will need to be able to meet the education or training goals you have agreed with us.

There are no rules on how much financial support you could receive or what you could get help with as it all depends on your individual situation and the type of training or education proposed.

If you do receive financial support from us, you'll need to agree that your Personal Adviser can have contact with the designated person at your college or training provider to make sure that you are attending regularly, are completing your work and are likely to pass your course or successfully complete your training.

If these are not at a satisfactory level, your Personal Adviser will need to review your Pathway Plan with you and any support provided may have to be reviewed.

## What types of education and training can be supported?

The types of education and training that may be eligible vary but will include a wide range of options such as completion of a basic skills course so you have the numeracy and literacy skills needed to compete in the jobs market, a course of further education, the take up of a university place, support to help complete a postgraduate qualification, participation in vocational training and apprenticeships.

You should give as much notice as possible before the start date of any proposed course to make sure the Personal Adviser has time to carry out the assessment, complete your Pathway Plan with you and agree what level of support can be provided.

Requests for support will be considered and decisions made by the Children's Services Finance Panel and your Personal Adviser will notify you of its decision.

Unfortunately financial support cannot be paid retrospectively, that is after you have already started or completed an education course or training programme as everything must be agreed beforehand.

## How to contact us

### Support Through Care Team

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# Post-21 Education & Training Support 2015-16



**This leaflet provides information about the support in education or training that may be available to young people aged 21 to 25 years. It applies from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.**

If you were in the care of Brighton & Hove City Council and our contact with you came to an end when you reached your 21st birthday you may be entitled to support up to the age of 25 if you are thinking about or planning to start a new programme of education or training.

Some young people who have left care experience practical and emotional barriers which make a return to education or training difficult. We will aim to provide support to help overcome these difficulties so that where possible young people can return to education or training up to the age of 25.

### **What does this mean for you?**

If you are already attending a course of education or training that was agreed in your last Pathway Plan before you were 21, then support continues until the end of that course even if it goes beyond your 21st birthday (**please see separate leaflet "Financial Support for 16-24 year olds 2015-16"**)

After your 21st birthday, if you would like support to help you return to education or training this may be available. In this case you should get in touch with us (**see our contact details on the back page**) to ask for an assessment of your support needs.

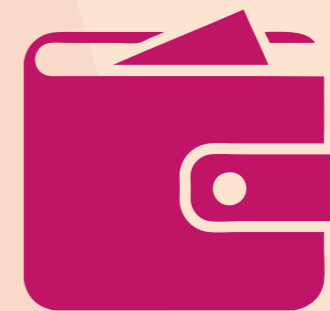
### **What will the assessment involve?**

You will be entitled to an assessment of your support needs. It is important to note that this is not the same as automatically being entitled to support. The assessment should take place within three months of when you first ask us for support and it should help you see what you want to achieve and how you could do this.

In every case the assessment will:

- be based on your individual needs and support requirements
- why you have chosen this programme of education or training and what you hope to achieve from its completion
- look closely at the appropriateness of the education or training course you want to pursue and how it will help you find employment in the future
- look at what you have done so far in preparation
- look at the information about your skills and capabilities recorded in your previous Pathway Plans
- assess your financial situation and look at any other funding you could access to help with the costs of your education or training.

Based on this assessment of your needs and the suitability of the proposed course, you will have a Personal Adviser to prepare, with your full participation a new education and training focused Pathway Plan. This will include your agreed educational outcomes and the type of support you will require.



### **Top Tips from the Young People's Benchmarking Forum (a national advisory group of young people who have been in care)**

- give as much notice as possible
- prepare in advance the reasons why you want to get back into education or training
- think about what you hope to achieve from the education or training
- think about what money you may have to contribute towards a course and try to look at what other financial assistance may be available
- if you have decided on a particular course, do some research about it (eg what qualifications are needed for it, length of course, how many hours a week)
- we know some young people don't pay much attention to Pathway Plans. However it's your proof of what support has been agreed and it's important that you are involved in completing it.