



Warwickshire's Offer for Care Experienced Parents

Introduction

- The guide has been put together to explain what you are entitled to as a care leaver who has their own baby.
- Warwickshire's Leaving Care and Separated Children and Young People Team wants to ensure you feel supported throughout your time of preparing for your baby to be born, the birth and early weeks of becoming a parent and then as your child grows through their early years.
- This guide should be read alongside Warwickshire Local Offer for Care Leavers and the Baby Box Project Parenting Guide.



Are you eligible for support?

- To qualify for the support in this booklet you must have been in care for at least 13 weeks between the ages of 14 and 16 (including your 16th birthday) or for 13 weeks after your 16th birthday.
- If you are a Warwickshire Care Leaver and are over 25 years old, please do still contact us for advice and guidance through our 'Always Here' offer.

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What support am I entitled to?

- Your PA will give you advice and support up to the age of 25.
- You will receive a baby box full of essential items to support you and your baby in the first few weeks and months when your baby is born.
- To support you with the larger essential items that you may need like a cot or car seat, we can provide a one off payment of £200 towards these items.
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- You may be eligible for support with childcare costs. This would be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- You will have access to a higher band for housing. Talk to your PA about this and how this could support you.
- You will be able to have support from the Leaving Care Careers service when you are ready to think about next steps in your education, training or employment.

Additional support to access

- The Voice, Influence and Change team run events for our care experienced parents throughout the year. These have included parent appreciation days, trips to family friendly theme parks and parents' holidays to Butlins.
- You will have the opportunity to join the Care Leavers Forum as a young parent.
- There is the opportunity for you to share your personal experiences and opinions on matters and services that affect care experienced parents.
- Eligible to access training opportunities (for example Paediatric First Aid and Parenting Courses)



Useful Contacts

Your PA

Name:	
Number:	
Email:	

Family Information Service

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

Gingerbread

<https://www.gingerbread.org.uk/our-work/support-for-single-parents/>

Young Parents Advice

<https://www.frg.org.uk/ypa/need-help-or-advice/care-leavers>
0808 801 0366

NHS Start for Life

<https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/>

Emma's Diary

<https://www.emmasdiary.co.uk/>

National Literacy Trust

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/about-us/>
020 7587 1842

The Lullaby Trust

<https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/>
0808 802 6869

Family Nurse Partnership

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Warwickshire | Health for Under5s

South Warwickshire

01926 567 155

North Warwickshire

02476 491 138

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Care Parent Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1104017453325442/>