



## All Party Parliamentary Group for Looked-After Children and Care Leavers Inquiry into the rights and entitlements of looked-after children and care leavers.

We asked the attendees at the All Party Parliamentary Group for Looked-After Children and Care Leavers in February 2013 what the most important entitlements for looked-after children and care leavers were. We selected the five that they said were most important for looked-after children and for care leavers and these will be what we look at during the Inquiry.

### Five entitlements for looked-after children

1. You must have a care plan that says what your needs are now, what will be done to meet those needs and what your plans are for the future.
2. The care plan must include your views and when deciding what to do people must take those views into consideration.
3. No important decisions, for example, a placement move, about you should be taken without a review meeting being held unless it is an emergency.
4. Looked after young people aged 16-19 should get a £1,200 bursary if they stay in full-time education.
5. When a social worker visits you they must speak to you alone unless you refuse, it is not appropriate at that time or the social worker is unable to.

### Five entitlements for care leavers

1. You can ask your authority for £2,000 for the setting up home allowance. This was the amount that young people agreed, at the regional meetings for Chairs of Children in Care Councils, to ask their local authorities for.
2. Your local authority must provide you with help with costs of being in education or training up until you are 21 (or 25 if you're still in education).
3. Your local authority must provide you with help with the costs of getting and keeping a job (up until the age of 21 if you are in education, employment or training).
4. You must be given a copy, and full explanation, of your assessment and Pathway Plan
5. If you're in higher education, your local authority must provide you with vacation accommodation (or money towards it).