Contact us

If you would like more information, please contact the After Care Team who will be able to help you:

T: 0161 770 6598
E: careleavers@oldham.gov.uk

Write to: After Care Team,
Unit 7 – 13 Whitney Court,
Southlink Business Park,
Oldham, OL4 1DB.

Or visit
www.oldhamyc.com/CICC/
www.oldham.gov.uk/careleavers

If you would like this information in another language, Braille, large print or audio please contact your social worker.
Who is a care leaver?
The level of support you will receive depends on your legal status as a care leaver. Your legal status will fall into one of the following categories:

Eligible child – Someone who is aged 16 and 17 who has been looked after for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14 and who is still looked after.

Relevant child – Someone aged 16 and 17 who has been looked after for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14 and who has left care.

Former relevant child – Someone aged over 18 who was previously in the ‘eligible’ or ‘relevant’ groups. Former relevant children will receive support until at least 21 or longer if they are in education or training.

Qualifying child – Any young person aged between 16 and 21 years who has left care but who was in care on, or after, their 18th birthday and had spent less than 13 weeks in care since the age of 14 or had left care before 1st October 2001. This includes young people under 25 who are in education or training.

How do I get support?
When you are 16 your social worker will undertake an after care assessment with you. This is an assessment of all the skills you have, as well as the things that you may need to learn to enable you to eventually live independently.

If you have left care and would like support, please call the After Care Team on 0161 770 6598 or email careleavers@oldham.gov.uk and we will arrange an assessment to see how we can help you.

The assessment will be used to develop a pathway plan with you. Your pathway plan will contain details of what support you can expect and any skills that you need to develop.

Every six months a review meeting will be held to look at the plan and see if it is offering you the support you need to sustain your accommodation.

We can then work with you and with local support agencies to make sure that you are offered the support you need to sustain your accommodation.

We are the After Care Team and we provide support, advice and guidance to young people who are in care or who have previously been in care of the local authority, and are aged 16–21 years or up to 25 years if they are in education or training.

We work with care leavers helping them to plan for their future and make the transition into adulthood.

Who we are

We provide a range of support services to make the transition easier.

What support do we offer?

Education, employment and training
We can advise you and help you access support around employment, education and training.

Housing
We work closely with First Choice Homes, local housing associations and supported accommodation providers to help you find available accommodation that best meets your needs.

We can then work with you and with local support agencies to make sure that you are offered the support you need to sustain your accommodation.

Health and wellbeing
We can help you access health services like doctors and dentists. We can also advise you about accessing support about emotional health, relationships and sexual education.