

Questions for Social Worker, Independent Reviewing Officer and Foster Carer to consider in CIC Review/Pathway Plan meetings

Please ensure that the answers to these questions are discussed, actioned and recorded on Liberi.

Year 11 and below:

- Has the Young Person been supported to attend widening participation activities, open days or campus tours of any university?
All of the Universities in Kent and Medway offer activities to raise aspirations and can offer 1:1 visits for CIC/CL. Each university has a Designated Member of Staff who can help to arrange this. Speak to VSK about this.

Academic Year 12:

- Has the YP been supported with the Higher Education journey? i.e. Visited preferred universities? All of the Universities in Kent and Medway offer activities to raise aspirations and can offer 1:1 visits for CIC/CL. Each university has a Designated Member of Staff who can help to arrange this.

Academic Year 13 and beyond:

- Has the young person been supported with UCAS application and finance through Student Finance England? In some schools, the young person may be required to start their university application at the end of academic year 12. Some schools/colleges offer workshops to help with the application process. If more help is needed, speak to VSK for further guidance.
- Is the Young Person aware of the Local Offer provided by the Local Authority Re: Higher Education? The 18+ Service offer a bursary of up to £1000 per academic year (up to a maximum of £4000), support with holiday time accommodation costs, travel costs to return home, and support with graduation costs.
- Have accommodation plans been confirmed and approved for the first year and holiday? Generally if living away, the first year may be in Halls of Residence, in some cases this can be all year round, or the young person may wish to return to another placement during the holiday times. This needs to be discussed and confirmed.
- Has a plan been formed to support the young person to move into their accommodation? This can be a really daunting time for anyone, so ensure there is someone to help the

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young person move into their new accommodation, help them to familiarise themselves with the local area and make new friends. Kent's commitment is to ensure all young people are taken to their university accommodation and help them move in. Check in with the young person regularly over the first few weeks to check they are settling in or have any concerns.