



Local Offer for Care Leavers

An online channel to help young people shape their future after leaving care

Background

The Government introduced new requirements in the Children and Social Work Act 2017, under the corporate parenting responsibilities of local authorities. One of the main ways local government will realise this will be through their Local Offer for care leavers – young people who have been looked after by a local authority for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14.

Local authorities must publish a Local Offer for care leavers aged 16-25 within their area. This should include services which the council offers for young people who are about to leave or have left care, and information that may assist them in preparing for adulthood and independent living. In addition to being provided with a copy of the Local Offer, professionals should also talk through the services or opportunities available with the young person concerned.

Councils will also consult care leavers and the professionals working with them before publishing their Local Offer, which will then be reviewed regularly (every two to three years).

For care leavers, the Local Offer will be an invaluable resource in helping to shape their future, however, for local authorities, collecting the relevant information and presenting it in an effective and easy to maintain way could present a challenge.



Benefits:

- » Concise, clear and easy-to-read layout
- » Accessible and easy-to-print format
- » Seamless integration with the council's directory, maintaining consistent branding
- » Digitally accessible to young people and professionals on mobile devices
- » Meets statutory requirements
- » Flexible, modular solution that adapts to each local authority

The Open Objects Local Offer for Care Leavers Solution

Open Objects is at the forefront of partnering with councils to develop information, advice and guidance platforms that serve their local communities. Many of the services available to care leavers will already exist in the council's directory, so can seamlessly populate a specific Local Offer for Care Leavers channel website. Leveraging existing information drives efficient data management and provides a consistent and intuitive message for young people to support them in shaping their future.

Open Objects' Local Offer for Care Leavers adds a specific channel to existing council directory websites. It signposts care leavers to information about the services and support available to them as they move towards adulthood and independent living. The website explains the care leaver's entitlements and helps them to get the most out of the support on offer to them.

The Local Offer for Care Leavers integrates with the council's main website and maintains consistent branding, further developing the directory with information and guidance in relation to:

- » Health and wellbeing
- » Relationships
- » Education and training
- » Employment
- » Accommodation
- » Participation in society

Each local authority will prioritise different types of non-statutory support and each Local Offer for Care Leavers will be unique and tailored towards their community.

Interested in finding out more?

Open Objects' Local Offer for Care Leavers is designed to support local authorities in their need to meet statutory reforms. Our team works with over 90 local authorities to deliver digital transformation across health and social care.

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