



# Finances

Pathways provide financial support and advice to help you prepare for your transition to adulthood and independence.

Below is the support available to you.

- Access to financial support on an individual basis depending on your needs.
- All Care Leavers living in Middlesbrough are council tax exempt up to the age of 21.
- There is an allocated worker for Care Leavers based within the Job Centre (Middlesbrough) who can support you in making benefit claims and offer additional support and advice if needed.
- Computer and Internet access is available in the Pathways office in order to make benefit claims online.
- Access to your Setting Up Home allowance to furnish a tenancy of your own.
- You will be offered support to open a bank account.
- We will pay for one form of photographic ID.
- Access to money management advice and support for you to develop your budgeting skills.
- Access to a personal allowance to top up your wages to ensure you are better off financially by working (based on financial assessment of need).
- Financial assistance is provided for University Students (based on financial assessment of need).
- As a Care Leaver, you can access bursary payments from your college or training provider. If the college or training provider does not provide a bursary Pathways will pay you a daily incentive depending on attendance.
- Access to vouchers, schemes and energy advice from Middlesbrough Environmental City's Affordable Warmth Team.