

Lasting home panel – Teens guide

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We hope that your lasting home should be there for you until you're ready to leave home.



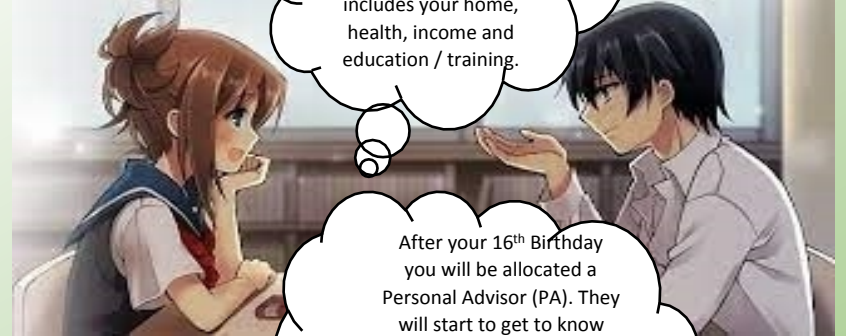
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As you approach your 16th birthday, your social worker should start to talk to you about your needs assessment and pathway plan.



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This is the plan which helps you become more independent. Your pathway plan has 4 key areas, which includes your home, health, income and education / training.



After your 16th Birthday you will be allocated a Personal Advisor (PA). They will start to get to know you at this point and will be there to support you when you are an adult and your children's social worker has said goodbye.

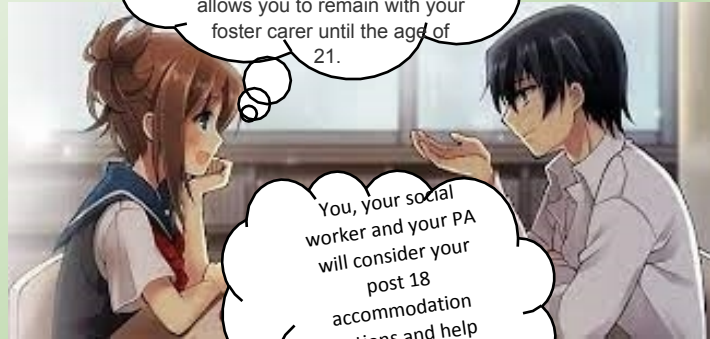
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Becoming older does not mean you will automatically need to leave home. There are lots of options which can be considered. Some children will want to leave home, others will want to stay put.



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Staying put is something which you may have heard of. Young people in foster care are encouraged to 'Stay Put' with their carers when they turn 18. This arrangement allows you to remain with your foster carer until the age of 21.



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You, your social worker and your PA will consider your post 18 accommodation options and help you plan what's best for you!

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There are lots of different options for you. Check out our Local Offer

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone/care-leavers-local-offer/accommodation/>

