

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 29th APRIL 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister advise if children from Jersey who are placed in care in the UK, are able to benefit from the same assistance upon leaving care that Jersey-based care leavers receive, and if not, why not?”

Answer

Provided the young person meets the criteria as a care leaver (as defined below), Jersey, care experienced young people that are placed in the UK will receive the full leaving care offer if they return to Jersey. Where they choose not to, we endeavour to give them equivalent, but this varies from county to country and UK local authorities.

The offer available to Jersey care experienced young people will vary depending on the local authority they are residing in and their own personal experiences as well.

The definition of a young person is.

“Young person” means –

- (a) subject to paragraph (2), an individual aged 16 up to (but not including) the age of 25 who has been looked after by the Minister for a minimum period of 13 weeks, whether in aggregate or consecutively, from the age of 14 up to (but not including) the age of 18; or*
- (b) an individual who is of such description as the Minister may by Order specify, and who at any time before the age of 18 was looked after by the Minister but ceased to be so looked after before that age.*

A young person’s eligibility for the care leaver’s offer can be determined through checking the Young Person’s personal record on Mosaic (Mosaic is an electronic data base that holds information/records of anyone that has been involved in Children’s Social Care (“CSC”) and reviewing the period that they have spent in care and at what age.