

# A Leaving Care Service up to the age of 25



We understand that there are times in your life when you may need different levels and different kinds of support – sometimes it might be from your friends and family or other services – and sometimes from Southwark’s Leaving Care Service.

After April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, Southwark’s Leaving Care service will be available to support and advise you for as long as you want – up until you are 25 years old.

You might want to work on a particular issue for a short time or maybe you would prefer us to work together for longer?

**The choice is yours**  
**Please let us know – we want to help!**

You do not need to be in education or training to be entitled to this support.

# Contact us

If you want to talk with someone, please make contact using the details on this leaflet.

You can telephone the service, send an email or come into the office and ask to speak with a duty worker.

## What happens next?

We will talk with you about your needs and work with you to understand what help we can offer you.

Together we will create a Pathway Plan – this will say what areas we have agreed we will work on together, what advice and support you will get and where it will come from.

Even if you do not want any support from us at the moment – you can make contact and ask us for support at any time – until you are 25 years old.

As well as support from the service – support is available from other people and agencies – this is called the **Local Offer**.

The current local offer can be found online, here:

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/youth-offer/southwark-care-leavers/>

If you would like to know more about the law behind this, it can be found here:

Section 3 of the Children and Social Work Act -

[www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/16/section/3](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/16/section/3)

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