

## **FOI 0471\_2025 Response**

**Clarification: What I mean by care leavers is those that are preparing to leave or have already moved on from foster care. Usually this would be the ages 18-25 years of age.**

**We are interested in how the Trust, in particular the Trust's services that work with this vulnerable group of service users, would go about liaising with the appropriate authorities/services when it comes to supporting care leavers, how the Trust would go about signposting, and anything to do with how you'd support someone coming out of/has already left foster care.**

**1. Please could I ask what support you provide to care leavers, particularly in relation to housing and homelessness?**

The Trust provides the following support:

- We support with completing environmental assessments (Any placement upon discharge). We have never had anyone that is homeless as our patients are always protected by a care order, or section within the community or local authority.
- We will make discharge recommendations at a section 117 meeting and hand over any needs to a PA (Personal advisor).
- Please bear in mind that although Solihull Community Mental Health Teams (CMHT) and Neighbourhood Mental Health Teams (NMHT) do see 18-25 care leavers, this would only be when their primary need is mental health. Therefore, the pathway would be in line with treatment guidelines.
- We are currently further developing our offer to 18-25 year olds under our service however, this is for all 18-25 year olds and not specific to care leavers.

**2. What move on/housing support do you currently provide?**

As we are not a social care or housing provider, we do not provide move on/housing support however, we would signpost and refer to those organisations who could help.

For example. once an environmental risk assessments and individual assessments is completed , the PA will assist with find suitable accommodation.

**3. What are your current care leaver pathways?**

Our current pathway out of care can be - Prision, home, therapeutic placement or an adult low and medium secure service.

**4. What would your organisation do if you had a care leaver approach you without suitable accommodation?**

We would directly link in with the local authority and allocated mental health service that would follow the patient. We would implement wrap around in-depth discharge transition plan, and reach out to case managers if there were issues with accommodation.

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