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|  **Care Leavers’ Service** |
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Dear ,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to let you know that the way we offer a leaving care service to you will shortly change.

In recognition of the progress you have made, your current circumstances and you now being over the age of 21 years old, you will no longer have an active pathway plan, a named personal advisor and our 12 weekly visits with you will end. You will still be able to get advice, guidance, and support through leaving care duty until your 25th birthday.

You are now independent; you should be really pleased how far you have come and your achievements!

Our aim throughout the time you have been open to us is to have supported and advised you, and to have played a part in your transition into a successful and healthy adult, we hope that it’s been helpful.

We will change the way we offer you a leaving care service from [Insert date]. Please take this letter as your 28 days’ notice of this change. We will continue to contact you annually to check how things are for you until your 25th Birthday.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 means that you can get advice, guidance and support from the care leavers service until your 25th birthday by contacting the duty telephone number on 01483 518292 or emailing duty.deskleavingcare@surreycc.gov.uk.

If we feel your support needs mean you may require specific tailored support, we will offer you an assessment of need to decide if your pathway plan will be re-activated and a named PA allocated to support you for a short period of time.

**As a Surrey Care leaver, you will remain entitled to council tax relief until you are 25 years old, which means a minimum of 75% of your proportion of your council tax annual bill can be discounted. Please contact the duty by telephone or email to arrange your discount when you receive your council tax bill.**

You can check out the information on Surrey’s Local Offer for care leavers on <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/children-in-care/user-voice/care-leavers>

**Care leavers Covenant – Connects**

The Care Leaver Covenant is a national inclusion programme that brings together private, public or voluntary organisations to support care leavers aged 16-25 to live independently. Surrey are one of the Local Authorities signed up to the Care Leaver Covenant and are committed to increasing opportunities for care leavers.

Connects is a tool for care leavers to stay informed with all that the Covenant has to offer, this remains available to use until your 25th birthday.

Once you have signed up Connects will keep you up to date with relevant work, education and recreational opportunities as well as information about support you may be able to access. It can match you to meaningful opportunities and also to stay in touch with anyone who is supporting you into employment. Connects sends opportunities relevant to your interests and ambitions and automatically enter you to win prizes in our monthly give-aways. You can download the app too.

<https://mycovenant.org.uk>

Email: info@mycovenant.org.uk. Tel: 0800 077 3557

You can also look up local service in Surrey and resources via the Family Information Services directory <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/families>

I hope that you succeed in everything you want to do and continue building on your recent progress.

Please find enclosed your last active pathway plan. We wish you all the best for the future and if you need anything further please get in contact with our duty team.

Best Wishes,

Personal Advisor

**Contact details:**

Email - Mobile number -

**Care Leavers Service:**

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