

How can we increase the number of care leavers accessing apprenticeships?



£1,000

In 2021/22, 183,800 16-24s started an apprenticeship.

In 2021/22, 350 care leaver apprenticeships were paid.

Care leaver apprentices can currently claim a £1k bursary (£3k from August 2023)

Employers and training providers can claim £1,000 funding for each care leaver apprentice.

90k



There are currently approximately 90,000 16-24 care leavers in England.

38% of 19-21 year old care leavers are not in education, employment or training (NEET).

Less than 2% of care leavers currently progress onto an apprenticeship.

7.2% of looked-after children achieved the grade 5 threshold in English & maths GCSEs, compared to 40.1% of non-looked-after children.

We must all recognise the unique circumstances of care leavers:

- Government:** support into and through apprenticeships with additional funding, awareness-raising and data sharing.
- Employers:** providing supportive apprenticeship vacancies, ring-fenced for care-experienced young people.
- Training providers:** checking apprentice status, working with employers to provide high-quality opportunities.
- Supporters:** guiding care-experienced young people to apply for apprenticeships and to claim financial support.
- Apprentices:** sharing experience to support others & improve support from Government, employers and providers.

Recommendation 1

Government, employers and providers to work beyond statutory definitions and support participation for all care experienced people.

Recommendation 2

Share experiences and recommend how government, employers, training providers and apprentices can use funding for apprenticeship participation and completion.

Recommendation 3

Encourage employers and providers not to stipulate English & maths GCSE/Level 2 as an entry requirement to access apprenticeship vacancies.

The Moving On Up group is a collaboration of like-minded organisations who are working to support an increase in care experienced young people accessing apprenticeships.

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