

Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014

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PART 6

LOOKED AFTER AND ACCOMMODATED CHILDREN

Leaving care, accommodation and fostering

Support for category 5 young people and former category 5 young people

- (1) The responsible local authority for a category 5 young person must consider whether the conditions in subsection (2) are satisfied in relation to the young person.
- (2) The conditions are that—
 - (a) the young person needs support of a kind which it can give under this section, and
 - (b) the local authority is satisfied that the person by whom the young person was being looked after does not have the necessary facilities for advising or befriending him or her.
- (3) If the conditions are satisfied the local authority must advise and befriend the young person and may give that person support in the manner described in subsection (4).
- (4) The support may be given—
 - (a) in kind;
 - (b) by contributing to expenses incurred by the young person in living near the place where he or she is, or will be, employed or seeking employment;
 - (c) by contributing to expenses incurred by the young person in living near the place where he or she is, or will be, receiving education or training;
 - (d) by making a grant to the young person to enable him or her to meet expenses connected with his or her education or training;

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- (e) by providing accommodation, if support may not be given in respect of the accommodation under paragraphs (b) to (d);
- (f) in cash.
- (5) A local authority may also give support in the manner described in paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (4) to a young person who—
 - (a) is under the age of 25, and
 - (b) would be a category 5 young person if he or she were under the age of 21.
- (6) Where a local authority is giving support in the manner described in subsection (4) (c) or (d) it may disregard any interruption in the young person's pursuance of a programme of education or training if it is satisfied that the young person will resume the programme as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- (7) Where a local authority is satisfied that a young person for whom it may provide support under subsection (4) or (5) is in full-time further or higher education and needs accommodation during a vacation because term-time accommodation is not available, it must—
 - (a) provide the person with suitable accommodation during the vacation, or
 - (b) pay the person enough to secure such accommodation.