

## Supported Lodgings Placements: - Financial Support Framework

### 16+ Care Leavers in Supported Lodgings Placements (including 18+ remaining with foster carers)

Payments will be based on the young person's (YP) fostering allowance (16+), excluding any fee element – outlined in the table below. The “Personal Allowance” for the young person is deducted from the amount paid to the Supported Placement (SP) provider.

	<b>COSTS:</b>				<b>COST:</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>
	Food	Clothing	Transport	Personal	Household	
Placement Provider	<-----£103.29----->				£70.00	£173.29
Young Person	<-----£40.67----->				£12.78	£53.45
						<b>£226.74</b>

#### Notes:

1. Expectation is that the Young Person will buy their own lunches.
2. YP contributes £12.78 p/w to household costs (this will normally be included in the amount paid to the provider, i.e. the provider will receive a total of £186.07 - £173.29 + £12.78). The total fee paid will be £226.74 per week, with £40.67 going directly to the Young Person for them to help part-fund the weekly cost of their Food, Clothing and Transport costs etc.
3. Apart from payments made toward “household” costs, guideline suggested amounts for each type of cost are not stated (as per the Fostering Allowances) because it is more appropriate in this kind of placement to encourage flexibility and individual arrangements within the framework.
4. 18+ YP are expected to claim housing benefit, and any housing benefit available will be deducted from the amount paid to the SP provider and the YP.
5. 18+ YP are expected to claim state benefits or seek employment, and the YP personal allowance element from Southampton City Council will cease to be paid when the YP obtains employment or successfully claims the relevant benefit. NB: the YP will be expected to continue to pay the carer £12.78pw towards household expenses out of their benefit/income.
6. If a YP at 18+, who was a Looked After Child, meets the criteria for adult services, a “shared cost” will be negotiated so that if a SP provider requires more than the amounts set out above, Adult Services will meet the difference.