



dialogue

children (leaving care) act 2000

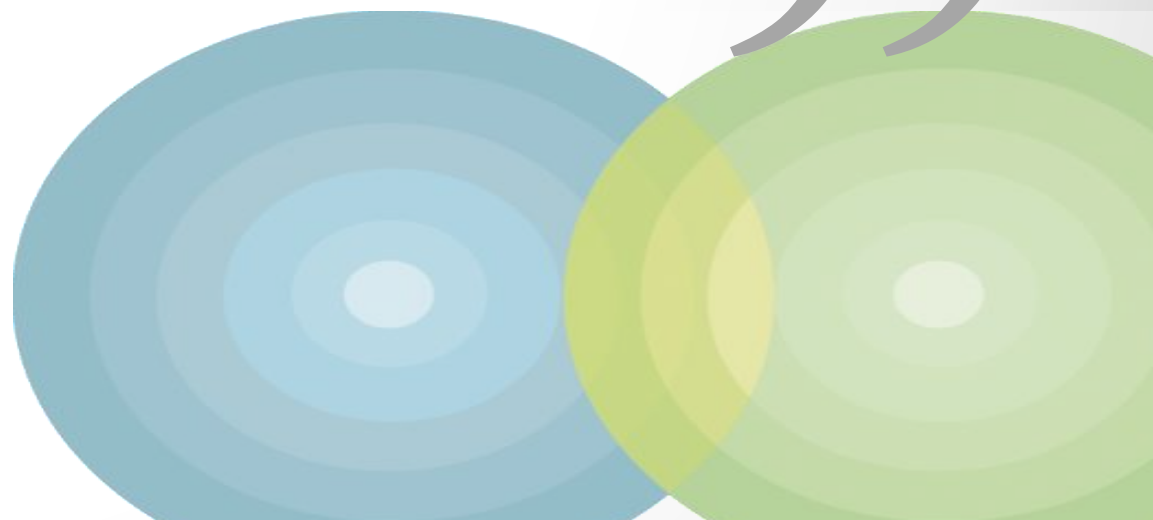
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It is the duty of the local authority looking after a child to advise, assist and befriend him with a view to promoting his welfare when they have ceased to look after him.

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When does this work start?

Legal entitlements

- Eligible
- Relevant
- Former relevant
- s24



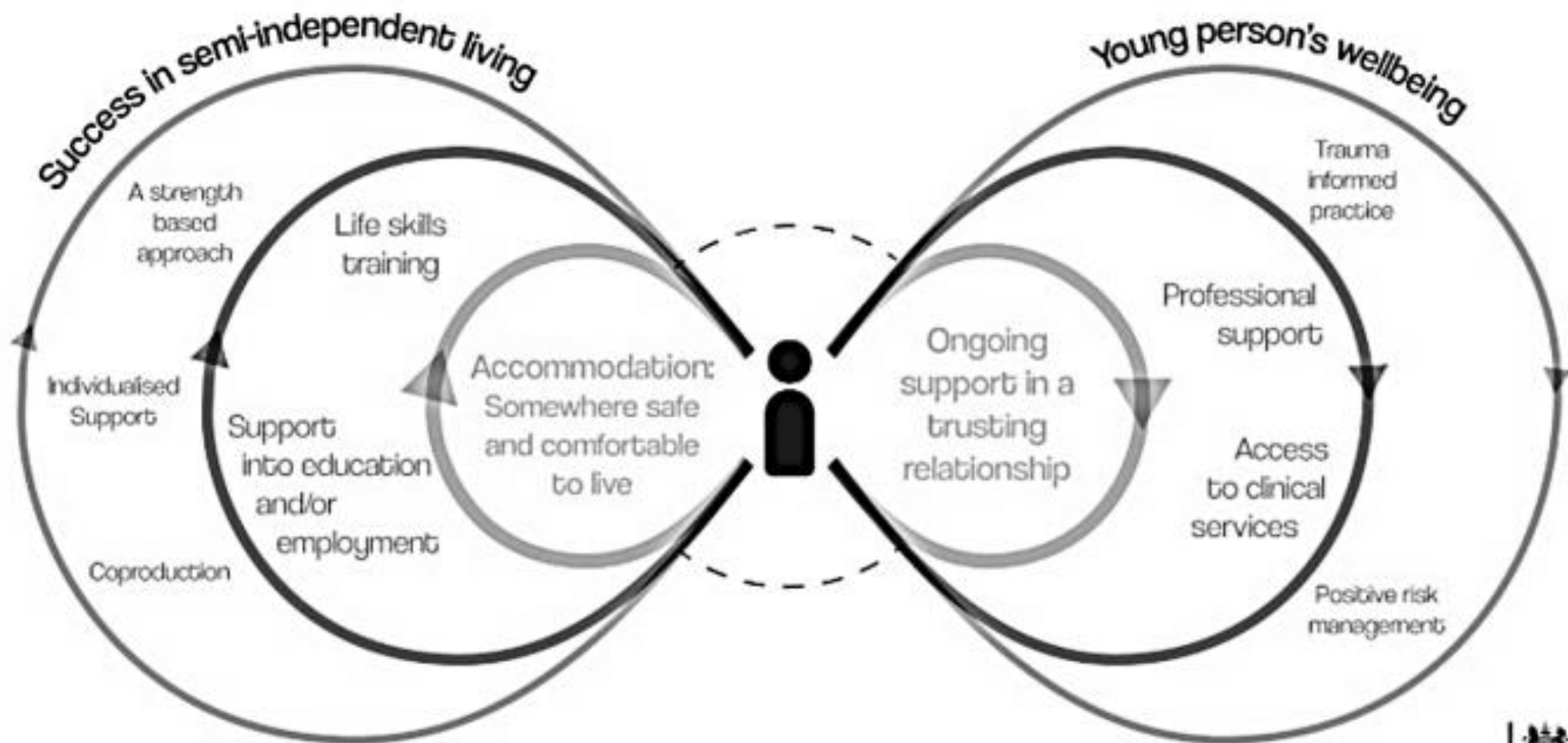
Key entitlements

- 'Local offer'
- Needs assessment
- Pathway Plan (by 16y3mo)
- Personal advisor
- Suitable accommodation/setting up home
- Stay in touch – let other LAs know
- 'Staying put' – up to 21 unless contrary to welfare
- 'Staying close'



Staying Close

Supporting young people into independence



Personal advisor

- provide advice (including practical advice) and support to the young person;
- participate in reviews of the young person's case;
- liaise with the responsible authority in the implementation of the pathway plan;
- co-ordinate the provision of services and take reasonable steps to ensure the young person makes use of such services;
- remain informed about the young person's progress and wellbeing;
- keep full, accurate and up to date records of contacts with the young person and services provided;
- provide information about financial capability-how to manage day to day finances;
- provide housing options available to the care leaver;
- support in finding further education, employment or training;
- keep in touch with the young person



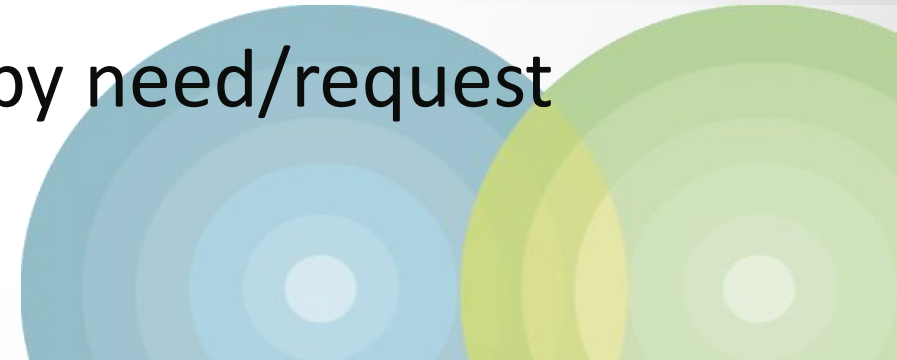
Pathway plans

Written by the SW - must include plans for:

- health
- education, training and development
- contact with family/support in relationships
- Plans to develop independence
- financial management
- Suitable accommodation

Reviewed every 6 months – more frequent by need/request

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So what do you do to prepare for this?