

MTRP Proposal - 18/19 and Beyond - Business Case

Service Area	Children's Services
Unique Reference Number	CFS181907
Proposal Title	Use of grant funding for leaving care
Version	20 th December 2017
Proposal Summary Description	Use the funding from the increase in the revenue support grant to expand care leavers services to secure savings.
Impact on Performance	There will be no impact on existing performance. There will be an impact on our ability to deliver the expectations of Welsh Government to expand leaving care services to improve outcomes for care leavers and expand personal advisor provision to care leavers aged up to 25
Impact on FTE Count	None
Impact on other Service Areas	None
Impact on Citizens	None
Delegated Decision (Head of Service/Cabinet Member/ Cabinet)	Head of Service
Activity Codes	SOC20 Leaving care

Net Savings (£000's)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	50			

Implementation Costs (- £000's)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Revenue – Redundancy/Pension	0			
Revenue – External consultants	0			
Revenue - Other	0			
Capital – Building related	0			
Capital - Other	0			
Implementation Cost - Total	0			

Current Position
<p>Welsh Government (WG) has provided grant funding for care leavers from the consequential allocation across Wales for 17/18. For Newport, this grant totals £103,837. It is aimed at introducing a personal advisory service for all care leavers aged up to 25 and to improve outcomes in the form of more work placements and traineeships.</p> <p>Newport already has some personal advisors – however, the grant conditions and</p>

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monitoring reports requires evidence of expansion and proof of better outcomes. For 18/19 this funding goes into the RSG.

Current Resources

The current budget for Leaving Care is £680,494.

This proposal if agreed would offset existing spend

Key Objectives and Scope

Welsh Government (WG) is of the view that current funding arrangements to support care leavers are inadequate. Care leavers are more likely to experience homelessness, mental and physical ill health, prison and income poverty than other groups of young people.

The Welsh Government expectation of the increased funding is to enhance the leaving care services to improve outcomes for young people leaving care.

There are pressures on this service but offsetting in this way will not impact on the existing services and this proposal does allow for a small increase in the existing provision which may alleviate some of the increasing pressures.

Options considered

Option 1 - Retain the current arrangements

The increase in the RSG is used elsewhere in the budget

Option 2 - Use the funding from the increase in the RSG to secure a saving of £50K

Recommended Proposal/Option

Option 2

Required Investment

None

High Level Milestones and Timescales

None required

Key Risks/issues

Risk Description	Risk Score (as per matrix below)	Mitigation Measures
Failure to increase services as demand increases	5 x 2	Limited increase to meet statutory need to increase PAs for all care leavers up to age of 25

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Specific linkage with Future Generation Act Requirements
The proposal is a saving against the potential for an improved leaving care service for young people. There is therefore no positive linkage with FG Act requirements.
Fairness and Equality Impact Assessment
No