Work and Learning: Our Offer

Training Providers

• Stockport Education, Careers and Advice Service provide intensive training programmes, including GOALS and LINK programme, to develop motivation and confidence

• Stockport Council Supported Apprenticeship Scheme

• Stockport Council Work Experience Placements

• Stockport Homes work placements

• Specialist work placements for care leavers at local benefits offices (DWP sponsored)

• Links with specialist training providers such as Princes Trust, Juniper, Skills Solutions, Springboard etc

• Links with other care leaver programmes such as Street Soccer, Produce Hall, Care Leavers Association groups

• Volunteering opportunities supported by Step Together scheme

• Links with Education, Employment and Training workers in other services – Stockport Homes, Probation, Groundworks, Job Centre

Education, Employment and Training (EET) support

• Specialist Care Leavers Education, Careers and Advice Workers based within the Leaving Care Team, for all LAC and care leavers aged between 16-25 years

• Personal Adviser and Intensive Support Worker support to access a variety of EET opportunities

• Specialist EET workers from other services such as Stockport Homes, DWP, Groundworks, National Careers Service. Support provided to explore interests and options, help with applications and CVs and link in with local colleges, training providers and employers

• Benefits drop ins within the Leaving Care Team – including help with job searches for care leavers

For more information about the services we offer, please visit our website: www.stockport.gov.uk/showcase/care-leavers
• Monthly tracking meetings to review and develop services

• Access to financial support for courses/work clothes/travel through DWP and Princes Trust

• Smartworks scheme – support into EET for females, including building confidence, interview techniques and interview clothing.

• One Manchester Working Wardrobe for men – for interview clothing

• Incentive payments scheme to encourage care leavers into education, training and volunteering

• Higher Education financial support, including annual bursary of £2000, summer holiday payments and cost of essential books/equipment, as agreed with PA (see finance booklet)

• Support to access care leaver grants at university including free student accommodation at some universities

• One to one tutoring/support if required

• Provision of laptop to support your studies, if this is agreed within your pathway plan

• Pilot scheme for 3 care leavers to have driving lessons, linked to EET

• Contribution of 10 driving lessons to support your career pathway, if this is agreed within your pathway plan

• Regular celebration events to mark the achievements of our care leavers