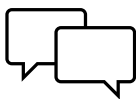
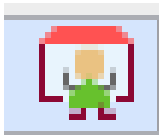


Case Learning: Young people leaving care

Situation	A 17-year-old child in care was pregnant with a baby with antenatally diagnosed complex congenital cardiac disease. Following birth, the baby was managed palliatively and sadly died within the first week. Just prior to her due date, the mother turned 18 years. She moved into supported accommodation and was supported by a Leaving Care Personal Adviser. The GP Practice where she was originally registered informed her that as she had moved out of their area (to be in her supported accommodation), she had to change GP Practice. The significant number of changes at a critical point in her life and pregnancy impacted on information-sharing and awareness of the complexity of vulnerabilities, which then impacted on the level of support offered for a vulnerable young mother with a baby with a terminal medical condition.
Takeaways	It is best practice to wait until a new GP Registration is in place before removing young people leaving care from the practice list, to promote continuity of care, and to hand over safeguarding concerns. • Moving from foster care to semi-supported accommodation can increase vulnerability. • The process of transition into adulthood for young people leaving care is shorter and more severe compared to their peers living with their families, with major life changes happening within a very short space of time. Every young person leaving care will have a Personal Adviser (PA), who takes over responsibility of support from the allocated Social Worker. • PAs can support care leavers with registration with their new GP Practice. • The young person will have a Pathway Plan to coordinate their ongoing support needs
Actions	 Best practice is for young people leaving care not to be removed from the practice list until they have been registered with their new GP, and for a handover of any safeguarding or significant clinical concerns to the new GP Practice.  Look out for the Care Leaver icon in Systm1, highlighting a young person who may need additional support.
Resources	RCGP Safeguarding Toolkit: Looked after children: https://elearning.rcgp.org.uk/mod/book/view.php?id=15290&chapterid=955 Local LLR Care Leave Offer information: https://www.careleaveroffer.co.uk/organisations/31472-leicester-city-council https://www.careleaveroffer.co.uk/organisations/31473-leicestershire-county-council https://www.careleaveroffer.co.uk/organisations/31520-rutland-county-council

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