

Planning your next steps

Checklists for the final stages of the Basic Income Pilot



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Hello

You're part of the exciting pilot where care leavers have been given a basic income.

Lots of different people have been taking part, each with a different story.

You are now coming to the final stages.

The pilot coming to an end might feel challenging.

This checklist will help make sure you have everything sorted for each of these last stages.

Don't worry, there's also lots of advice and support.

Your Personal Advisor is there to chat through any worries you have and help you.

You may also have access to a Citizen's Advice Worker who you can talk to.

You don't have to deal with changes on your own!



6 Months

At six months before payments end

Notes:



You could:

- check your pathway plan to see if there is anything you want to add
- talk to your personal advisor and make sure they have your contact details
- think about any challenges you may have as the pilot ends
- think about what you need support with
- ask for any information or advice do you need
- look at your money situation – what will you have coming in and what are your bills
- look to see if you can afford your lifestyle, memberships and other spending



Housing:

Think about your housing situation and talk to your personal advisor about it.

- Will you be able to pay your rent when your basic Income payments stop?
- Do you need help with your tenancy?
- Will you need to contact your landlord and change how you make payments?

There is support and advice to help you if you think you're at risk of becoming homeless so talk to your personal advisor.



Support:

- You can contact Citizens Advice for help at any time.
- You can also have support from advocacy services.



An advocate – Someone that listens to what you want and think and then shares this with your family and professionals.



At three months before payments end

Notes:



You could:

- check your pathway plan — has anything changed in your life that you need to update
- think about what income you need for the future and if you need to apply for help
- talk to your personal advisor about any worries or concerns you have as the pilot ends

Your personal advisor should connect you to careers advice, they can also help you with applications for Universal Credit payments if you need it.



Housing:

Think about your housing situation and talk to your personal advisor about it.

- Do you need to apply for benefits to help with the rent?

If you're paying your landlord directly from your basic income, you should contact them and work out a new way of paying — like a standing order.

There is support and advice to help you if you think you're at risk of becoming homeless so talk to your personal advisor.



Support:

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- You can also have support from advocacy services.

Don't forget you have a right to support from your personal advisor and your local Leaving Care Team.



At six weeks before payments end



You could:

talk to your personal advisor about your income needs and anything that's worrying you

talk to your personal advisor about your job, finding a career or what support is available if you're not able to work

keep a list of useful information and links that give you support

Your personal advisor should connect you to careers advice, they can also help you with applications for Universal Credit payments if you need it.



Housing:

Think about your housing situation and talk to your personal advisor if you have any worries

If you're paying your landlord directly from your basic income, you should have already contacted them to work out a new way of paying — like a standing order. If you haven't... do it now!

If you're at risk of becoming homeless, your personal advisor must connect you with the housing option teams. They will help you.



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The Months After

The month after payments end, and onwards...

Notes:



You could:

- keep in touch with your personal advisor
- check your bank account and payments regularly
- keep a budget of the money you have coming in and what you pay
- pay your bills on time



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Take the Survey!

Your personal advisor should have told you about the **'Your Life Beyond Care'** survey. For any questions about the survey: ✉ basicincomecascade@cardiff.ac.uk

You can fill this out in the month after your last payment, which should be around your 20th birthday or shortly after. It helps us know what works well, what didn't and how we can improve the Basic Income for Care leavers in the future.

