

Examples of items that you may need for living independently:

- ❖ Bed
- ❖ Curtains
- ❖ Wardrobe
- ❖ Bedding
- ❖ Towels
- ❖ Kettle
- ❖ Toaster
- ❖ Pots and pans
- ❖ Knives
- ❖ Utensils
- ❖ Cooker
- ❖ Fridge/Freezer
- ❖ Cleaning equipment
- ❖ Vacuum cleaner
- ❖ Washing machine
- ❖ Iron
- ❖ Sofa
- ❖ Table and chairs
- ❖ Removal expenses, health and safety items.

This list is an example of items we can help with however your individual circumstances will determine what you personally need.

Oxfordshire County Council is committed to supporting you with your move into independent living.

We offer you the opportunity to access assistance to purchase the items that you need in order to live in independent accommodation, as and when the need arises e.g. Broken washing machine/or your circumstances change until your 25th birthday e.g. moving from university.

Amount available to access:

Up to £2000

An inventory list will be undertaken with your Social Worker or LCPA to identify what you may need for independence.

This will be recorded in your pathway plans.

The Looked After & Leaving Care Team will purchase the items that you need.

SETTING UP HOME ALLOWANCE

Assisting 18 to 25 year-old care leavers

The purpose of this allowance is to offer you the ability to access financial and practical support until you are 25 years as your accommodation and your needs change. This may benefit care leavers who have changes in circumstances such as: ending a post 18 years foster placement, university completion, tenancy ending, prison term completion and 2nd chances where mistakes have been made and lessons have been learnt.

Important:

This is not a cash lump sum payment. Items will be purchased for you or with you by a worker.