

# Useful Contacts supporting the educational needs of children in care and care leavers across Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire

## Universities (Higher Education Courses)



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 Visit [www.bucks.ac.uk/careleavers](http://www.bucks.ac.uk/careleavers) for information on support and activities available.



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 Visit [www.ox.ac.uk/students/shw](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/shw) for information on support available for care leavers applying to or attending the university.



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 Ruskin College is a residential college based in Oxford that specialises in providing educational opportunities for adults with few or no qualifications. It aims to change the lives of those who need a second chance in education. Visit their website for more information: [www.ruskin.ac.uk](http://www.ruskin.ac.uk)



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 Visit [www.beds.ac.uk/studentlife/current/personal/careleavers](http://www.beds.ac.uk/studentlife/current/personal/careleavers) for information on support for care leavers applying to or attending the university.



 The Buttle UK Quality Mark is awarded to universities that can demonstrate their commitment to supporting care leavers. For more information visit [www.buttleuk.org/pages/quality-mark-for-care-leavers.html](http://www.buttleuk.org/pages/quality-mark-for-care-leavers.html)

## Colleges



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 Visit [www.mkcollege.ac.uk/about-us/parent-guardian-and-students-in-care-information](http://www.mkcollege.ac.uk/about-us/parent-guardian-and-students-in-care-information) for links to support services available at the college.



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## Local Authorities



[www.wedocare.me.uk](http://www.wedocare.me.uk) is an online guide for young people in care in Buckinghamshire, containing information about support available.

### The ECPC (Education of Children in Public Care) Virtual School

**Lucy White**, Lead for Higher Education  
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Contact with regards to educational support for children in care or care leavers with university potential or aspiration.

### Children in Care Team 14+

**Isabella Docherty**, Team Manager  
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Contact with regards to educational support for young people aged 16-18, not in the higher education cohort.

### Aftercare Services

**Pat James**, After Care Team Manager  
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Contact with regards to educational support for young people aged 18+, not in the HE cohort.



### The Virtual School for Looked After Children

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Contact with regards to educational support for students pre-16.

### RAISE Leaving Care Team

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Contact with regards to students post-16.



### The Virtual School for Looked After Children

**Sheila Mulvenney**, Head Teacher  
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Contact with regards to educational support for students pre-16. Visit [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/virtualschool](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/virtualschool) for information about the Virtual School for Children in Care in Milton Keynes and the support and services they offer.

### Options for Independence Team (OFI)

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Contact with regards to students post-16 and up to the age of 21 (up to 25 if still in education or training).

## Other useful sources of information

[www.buttleuk.org](http://www.buttleuk.org) Buttle UK  
[www.leavingcare.org](http://www.leavingcare.org) National Care Advisory Service (NCAS)  
[www.thewhocarestrust.org.uk](http://www.thewhocarestrust.org.uk) The Who Cares Trust  
[www.careleavers.org](http://www.careleavers.org) The Care Leavers Association