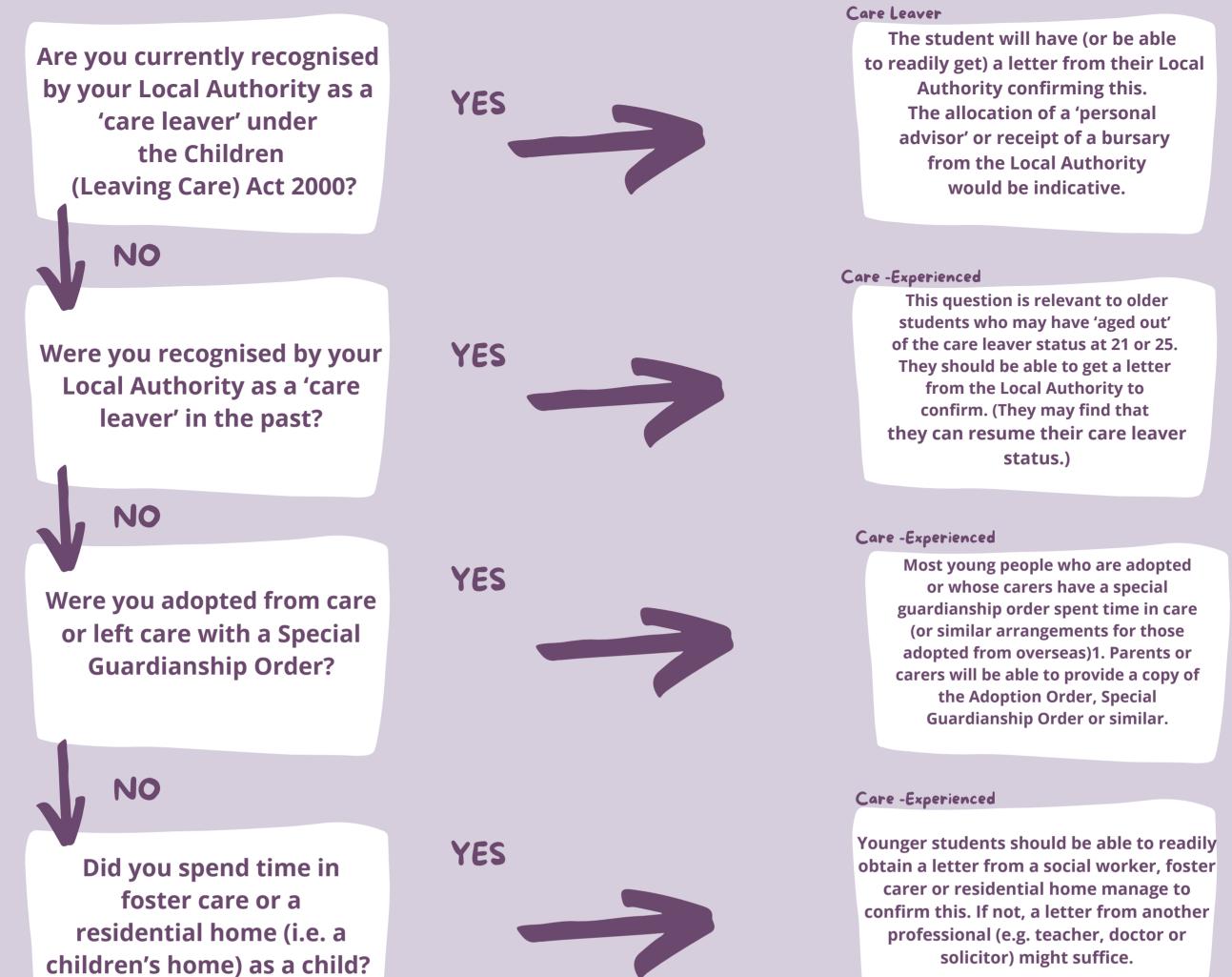
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# **NNECL Care Experienced Flag Decision Tree**

## Question

# Evidence





Did you spend time in kinship care as a child - i.e. living with other family members because your parents were unable to care for you?

YES

If so, was this formally recognised and supported by your Local Authority? For example, did your carers receive a financial allowance? Did you have a social worker?

NO

YES

#### **Care** - Experienced

This is FORMAL kinship care.Students should be able to get a letter from their local authority. If not, a letter from another professional (e.g. teacher, doctor or solicitor) might suffice.

### NOT Care -Experienced

This in INFORMAL kinship care. This is not normally considered to be 'care experience', but universities may wish to support these students. An explanatory letter from the family would be required.

NO

Did you enter care at 16 or 17 and were you housed in semiindependent housing? (This might include former homeless or unaccompanied asylum seeking young people.)

YES

#### **Care** - Experienced

Younger students should be able to readily obtain a letter from a social worker or other professional in the local authority. If not, a letter from another professional (e.g. teacher, doctor or solicitor) might suffice.

NOT Care -Experienced

Note 1: A small number of adopted people are not adopted from care and therefore should not be regarded as care-experienced. This might apply, for example, where a young person is adopted by a step-parent or sibling.

Note 2: This flowchart is intended to capture the vast majority of instances of care experience, but there are highly-individual circumstances that might not be captured and it may be necessary to seek guidance from a social work professional with respect to determining whether a student is care-experienced or not.