Support during and after transition to adulthood – Ireland (1)



Tusla Child and Family Agency is the statutory agency that holds responsibility for young people in care. Aftercare for those 18-21 years (23 years if in full time education).

A Child in Irish Care-Up to the age of 18 years

At 16 years - Leaving
Care preparation begins.
Referral to Aftercare
Team follows.

At 17.5 years Assessment of Need and
preparation of Aftercare
plans for young people
leaving care

Aftercare Services 18-21 years (23 years if in full time education): Based on need/age/length of time in care. Residency permission also taken into consideration.

Aftercare Team hold case responsibility

Support during and after transition to adulthood – Ireland (2)



Service	Under 18 yrs	Over 18 – 23 yrs
Case responsibility	☐ Social Work team	☐ Aftercare team
Accommodation	☐ Small residential units☐ Foster care / Supported lodgings	☐ Foster Care / Supported lodgings☐ Aftercare units☐ Independent living
Education	Educational/languageAssessmentMainstream education	☐ Further education / training☐ Employment
Financial support	☐ State support	□ Aftercare allowance paid to care leaver□ Housing Financial Assistance
Additional Support	☐ Asylum application☐ Therapeutic support	☐ Family reunification ☐ Therapeutic support





Young people accessing Aftercare:

#79 - 18-20 yrs #28 - 21-22 yrs #7 - <18 yrs 114 Total # 70% living independently with supports

90% in Education / training

Over 18yrs without residence permission - IPAS-International Protection Accommodation Service. Aftercare support continues in conjunction with other state services.