



At Bangor University, we place a high priority on caring for and supporting our students. This is reflected in the fact that Bangor was ranked as **the top university in the UK for the help and support provided to students** (*Times Higher Education Supplement*).

Bangor offers a comprehensive student welfare service, which includes support provision for students from care. So, as a student entering Higher Education from care, or as someone advising a student from care, you can be assured that Bangor will provide you with the necessary support and information. This support is available at the pre-entry stage while you're still deciding what or where to study, continues through the university application process, and is on-going once you've started your course here.

There is a named contact person for care leavers within the University's Student Services Centre, and that is the person you as a student from care - or someone advising a student from care - should turn to for help and advice at any stage of your journey into and through Higher Education (see information box in the column on the right).

## Support for students leaving the care system

At Bangor University, we can provide the following:

- Pre-entry guidance from our Centre for Careers and Employability.
- Assistance with filling in your *Application for Student Finance* form.
- Help and support during the university application and admissions process.
- Peer guide support for all students to help you settle in during Welcome Week and the first few weeks of term.
- Targeted financial support for care leavers through the University's bursary and financial contingency funds. This means Bangor will provide you with a care leaver's bursary of £1,000 a year, on top of any other University or state-funded bursaries and grants which you may be eligible for.
- An integrated Student Services Centre, offering easy access to money support, housing, disability, mental health and student counselling services.
- Regular meetings between the named contact and students from care to identify support requirements, with liaison between University departments and external agencies where appropriate (and with the student's express permission).
- Guaranteed accommodation for all single first year undergraduate students.
- Planning and arranging your accommodation for both term and vacation time.
- Complete confidentiality for students from a care background in respect of service provision and specific arrangements.

**As a student from care, or someone advising a care leaver, your first point of contact is: Wendy Williams, Student Money Adviser in the Student Services Centre.** Wendy welcomes enquiries from students from care and their advisers, and can give you more details on all aspects of University support provision for students from care - both prior to admission, and while studying here.

PLEASE CONTACT WENDY WILLIAMS IN THE STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE FOR INFORMATION AND ADVICE:  
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## Support for students from care