

Annex B Case study 4 YFAS

An 18 year old female lone parent with a 6 month old child moved from an overcrowded family home, where she shared a room with her sister and her baby, into an unfurnished council flat.

She had stayed on at school but the birth meant that her education stopped and she had to leave school before she completed her examinations.

A grant of £1230 from YFAS meant that she was able to create a new home for herself and her baby. She returned to college and as she was under 21 years of age has childcare funded by Care to learn.

The maximum childcare that is paid is £160 per week. Even with this contribution this customer has to add £8 per week from her limited income towards her child care.

Her support worker advised that the move to the new home, living independently and subsequently resuming her education has done wonders for her confidence.