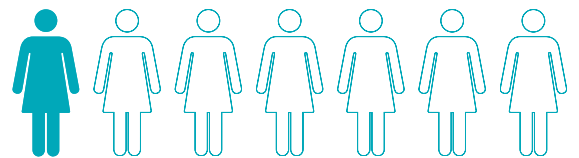


1/3 of care leavers become **homeless** within the first 2 years of leaving care, and **25%** of homeless people have been in care at some point in their lives.



1/7 young people leaving care are pregnant or already mothers.

Care leavers are young people aged over 16 who have been in local authority care, some for all of their childhood, and have subsequently left the care system or are in the process of doing so.

- **12% of care leavers enter higher education by the age of 23**
- **Higher than previous estimates of 6%**
- **The participation rate for care leavers was substantially lower than for other young people at 42%**



Young care leavers show significantly lower academic achievement than their peers – just **11%** of children in care gain five GCSEs compared to the national average of over **60%**.

Many young people leaving care face serious disadvantage in their lives, compared to their peers

40% of care leavers aged 19 to 21 are not in education, employment or training (NEET), compared to **13%** for this age group overall.

Our Response

The Foundation's partnership with **EY Foundation** will create programmes which promote careers within the care industry and help care leavers fulfil their potential by moving successfully into further education and employment.

The CareTech Foundation is partnering with **Barnardo's** on a £1 million project to develop a ground-breaking digital resource, Journey App, to support young people leaving care.