

Why tick the box in Apply?

A guide for students

If you have lived in care, either with foster carers or in a children's home (or in Scotland under a home supervision order), and you're applying for higher education, we would encourage you to tick the box in the care questions on your UCAS application.

- Tick the box** so that your chosen universities and colleges can let you know what additional support you are entitled to, if you wish to take advantage of this. This could include finance, accommodation and other support services.
- Tick the box** so that admissions staff at the universities and colleges you are applying to can consider your achievements and potential in context.
- Tick the box** and the universities and colleges will treat this information in confidence.

And don't worry...

- your chosen university will only share your information with those who need to know, and who you agree should be informed
- your application will not be disadvantaged in any way. Legislation on equality and discrimination is watertight

If initially you don't want to take advantage of the help and support you are entitled to, it is still useful to know exactly what is available and to keep updated, in case you decide that you do need additional help or support at a later date.

There are a number of organisations across the UK that can help you with information, advice and resources.

The Who Cares? Trust – www.thewhocarestrust.org.uk (England)

Who Cares? Scotland – www.whocaresscotland.org (Scotland)

Voices From Care – www.voicesfromcarecymru.org.uk (Wales)

Voices of Young People in Care – www.voypic.org (Northern Ireland)