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Following the Department for Education's announcement today that all children in care will be able to stay with their foster families until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday Gavin Oldham, Chair of Trustees, The Share Foundation commented:

"We need to do everything we can to give children in care a meaningful start in life, and we warmly welcome the Department for Education's new initiative to allow young people to continue with foster families beyond the age of 18. We have done much to support care leavers in addition to their Junior ISAs (see <a href="www.sharefound.org/plus">www.sharefound.org/plus</a>) and are aiming to get to the point where each care leaver has at least £1,000 available to them through their Junior ISA."

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