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| **TITLE** | **Basic Income for Care Leavers in Wales – publication of first annual evaluation report** |
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The Basic Income for Care Leavers in Wales Pilot Evaluation, Annual Report 2023-24 has been published today. This is the first in a series of thematic evaluation reports about the Basic Income for Care Leavers in Wales pilot.

The evaluation is being led by the Children’s Social Care Research and Development Centre (CASCADE) at Cardiff University with partners at the University of Oxford, the University of York, Kings College London, and Northumbria University.

The commissioned evaluation runs from November 2022 to 2027 and will report annually throughout this period. A longer-term evaluation framework using administrative data will be developed to enable us to understand the impact of the pilot on the lives of those taking part beyond 2027.

The Basic Income for Care Leavers in Wales pilot is an ambitious and groundbreaking policy, and it is essential the evaluation provides a rigorous and wide-ranging assessment of its impact. The evaluation is still at an early stage, and appropriate caution should be exercised in drawing any inferences from these data at this point.

The evaluation report is available at the attached link: [Basic income for care leavers in Wales pilot evaluation: annual report 2023 to 2024](https://www.gov.wales/basic-income-care-leavers-wales-pilot-evaluation-annual-report-2023-2024?_ga=2.70955984.1575076919.1708340386-869206203.1702637493)