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**Care-experienced graduates' decision-making, choices, and destinations**

***Interview schedule two***

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| Transitioning out of HE |
| 1. What was your experience of leaving university? 2. What, if anything, were your key concerns at this time?  * Accommodation? * Locating employment? * Relocation? * Finances?   1. How did you deal with these? * Support (requested/received)?  1. What was the first action you took when you finished university?  * Locating work? * Relocating? * Seeking support?   1. Did it go to plan? * If not, why not? (constraints encountered) * If yes, what if anything helped you with this process?  1. Reflecting on your experience of initially leaving university overall, was there anything that could have made this easier for you?    1. If so, what would have made this easier? (enablements) |
| If progressed to employment |
| 1. What was your experience of **finding** employment?    1. Did you experience any challenges in finding work?  * If so, what were these? * What **helped/would have helped** to overcome these? (support, access to services, money etc.)   1. If not, what in your experience made this a challenge-free process?  1. What has your experience of employment been like so far?    1. Is there anything you have found **challenging/difficult**? If so, what was challenging/difficult?  * The role itself * Adjusting to a new environment/new expectations * Working with other professionals/ fitting in * Managing work/life balance * Other?   + 1. What **helped/would have helped** to overcome these?   2.2 What, if anything, have you found **enjoyable** about employment?   * Structure/Sense of normalcy * Money * Meeting new people * Learning new things * Other?  1. What are your plans for employment over the next year?  * Changing employment/ remaining? * If planning to change employment -Why? |
| If progressed to further study |
| 1. What has been your experience of applying to/accessing further study?  * Application * Funding   1. Did you experience any challenges in this process? * If so, what were these? * What **helped/would have helped** to overcome these? (support, advice/guidance, access to services, money etc.)   1. If not, what in your experience made this a challenge-free process?  1. What has your experience of postgraduate study been like so far?    1. Is there anything you have found **challenging/difficult**? If so, what was challenging/difficult?  * Finances * Accommodation (if applicable) * Adjusting to a new environment (if applicable)/new expectations * Balancing work and study (if applicable) * Other?   1. What **helped/would have helped** to overcome these? (support, advice/guidance, access to services, money etc.)   2. Do you feel there are any differences in the level of support between undergraduate and postgraduate study? * If so, what are these? * University support * Local authority support * Financial support * Housing/accommodation support * Academic support   1. If you have needed support, how easy or difficult has it been to access this? * Why?   1. What, if anything, have you found **enjoyable** about postgraduate study? * Meeting new people * Learning new things * Other?  1. What do you plan to do **after** your postgraduate degree?    1. How do you feel about this? (confident, nervous etc.)    2. Do you feel this is achievable?  * If so, what has helped you to feel this way? * If not, why?   1. Do you feel any support is needed to help you plan for your next steps after your studies? * If so, what support do you feel is needed?  1. What, if anything, are you looking forward to about graduating from postgraduate studies?  * Why are you looking forward to this?   1. Is there anything you are not particularly looking forward to? * If so, what are you not looking forward to? * Why? |
| Transitioning into graduate life |
| 1. When thinking about your journey into graduate life so far, is it what you expected it to be like?  * If so, how has it met your expectations? * If not, why?  1. What area/areas of your life matters most to you at the moment?  * Why? * How long has this been the case? |
| Additional points |
| 1. Is there anything that you would like to tell me about? 2. Is there anything you was hoping I would ask? |