

# Moving on from Supported Lodgings

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You can stay in Supported Lodgings for a minimum of 1 year. When you have been in Supported Lodgings for 9-12 months, and when you are ready to think about living independently, we will help you to plan for moving on:

**Going into social housing:** When you move into Supported Lodgings you will register with the Council's Homesearch Scheme. This means



you accrue time on the register while you live in Supported Lodgings. When you are ready to move on and have completed your Skills for Life file, you will be able to start bidding for your own home (a 1 bed flat).

**Going into a private tenancy:** If you decide to rent from a private landlord, Supported Lodgings can help you to find a deposit.

## Find out more

If you're interested in the Scheme, feel free to contact us:

**Accommodation Officer**

**Tel:** 01225 477802

**Email:** [Supported\\_Lodgings@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Supported_Lodgings@bathnes.gov.uk)

You can also apply through the following teams at the Council:

Children & Families Assessment & Intervention Team

Children in Care and Leaving Moving On Team

Disabled Children's Team

**Bath and North East Somerset Council Switchboard:**  
01225 477000

This leaflet can be made available in a range of languages, large print, Braille, on tape, electronic and accessible formats from the Accommodation Officer on the number above, or :

**Fax:** 01225 477839

**Minicom/Textphone:** 01225 477839

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## Supported Lodgings Scheme



Young People's Leaflet

Bridging the Gap to Independence

If you are aged 16 or 17 and can no longer live at home, or you are a care leaver moving on from Foster Care, Bath & North East Somerset Council has developed a Scheme to give you a better range of housing options.

The **Supported Lodgings Scheme** aims to bridge the gap to independent living. If you have left home or care, but do not feel ready to live on your own . . . read on!!

## How does it work?

Lodgings Providers rent out rooms in their homes to young people to live as part of their household. That means you share the kitchen, bathroom and living room but that you have your own bedroom. All Lodgings Providers must be able to offer you a clean and comfortable room in a safe and supportive household.

While in Supported Lodgings, you must be in full time education or full time employment.

You will make a contribution of £13.00 per week towards the cost of food, gas and electric, from the money you receive from benefits or work.

You will also save £10 per week towards your move on costs and for your future. You pay this yourself from your income.

**Supported Lodgings is more than just a room in a house. Your Lodgings Provider also gives you the support you need to become confident about living on your own.**



You can get help with practical things like shopping, budgeting and cooking.



Maybe you just need your Lodgings Provider to be there if you need someone to talk to about day to day things.

You will also get help from a Support Worker who will help with practical issues outside the home.

**If this sounds anything like you, the Supported Lodgings Scheme could be just what you are looking for!**

You and your Lodgings Provider will agree on what you can do for yourself and what things you need help with. You will gradually do more for yourself until you feel you could do it on your own. The Scheme will support you in getting independent accommodation.

You will be given a personal Skills for Life file to complete and help you develop essential skills.

## Who can be a Lodgings Provider?

We don't ask Lodgings Providers to have any particular qualifications, but we do look for special qualities. They have to:

- get on with teenagers
- be warm, caring and patient
- understand a bit about young people's issues and want to help
- have a sense of humour!



We would like to match you with a Lodgings Provider who is most likely to meet your needs. So, Lodgings Providers could be from all kinds of backgrounds and from all walks of life. All we ask is that they are in good health and have the qualities we are looking for.

We carry out Health & Safety checks on all Lodgings Providers and other people in their household to make sure they are safe for you to live with.