

YOUTH HOUSING

WHAT TO EXPECT

In 2012, 60 young people affected by homelessness, aged 16- 26 years old, from across the region took part in research to find out about their support and housing needs. The Youth Housing Charter set out the recommendations made by young people and was incorporated into the action plan for the North East Regional Homelessness Group representing all 12 North East local authorities.

In the autumn of 2015 the Charter was evaluated by a group of youth inspectors supported by Sunderland Youth Inspectors and Your Homes Newcastle. Findings were fed back to local authorities and their partners and informed this revised version of the Charter.

The Charter sets out what young people themselves feel they need to escape or avoid homelessness. We would like to encourage all providers of support and housing to incorporate these recommendations to ensure services meet the needs of young people.



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PREVENTION HOUSING THE AREA SUPPORT



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PREVENTION

All young people up to the age of 25 years old, regardless of their situation should have **EQUAL ACCESS** to homeless prevention and housing support.



EDUCATION about the realities of homelessness in schools and for families and carers.

MEDIATION to resolve problems early in order to rebuild positive relationships with family, carers and friends so you can remain at home if you want to.

The right **PREPARATION** to make sure you have the skills needed to move into and live successfully in your own home.

We aim to do this through **LISTENING** to you and considering your needs to make sure you get the right support and housing.

HOUSING

Housing offered to you will be **SECURE**, with appropriate support and security with help on hand for any emergencies.

YOUR RIGHTS to have friends staying over will be respected within your **RESPONSIBILITIES** as a tenant.

Aiming to provide you with a **PERMANENT HOME**, somewhere you can call your own.

THE AREA

In an **AREA YOU KNOW**, close to shops, transport for work and training and other services you might need for help and advice.

Somewhere you feel **SAFE** and **WELCOMED** as a member of the community, with consideration given to your personal circumstances including sexuality.

You can live close to **FAMILY, CARERS** and **FRIENDS** or other support networks.

SUPPORT

The support you want from Children's Services, and the chance to stay in touch with foster carers if you are **LEAVING CARE**.



At times of **CHANGE** you will get extra support.

FLEXIBLE SUPPORT for however long you need it and available when you are experiencing difficulties. You could be offered the chance to move somewhere with more support if that is what you want.

ONE WORKER when possible so you don't have to retell your story and so that you can build a positive relationship. A worker who is **TRAINED** to understand the issues young people affected by homelessness face.