



Accommodation

We care about you being in safe and secure accommodation.

Below is the support available to you.

- Promotion of “Staying Put” to allow you to stay in your home with your foster carers post 18 under a Staying Put arrangement.
- Access to “Supported Lodgings Provision”. This is where you have your own room in a providers home. They will work with you to support you as a young adult until you are ready to move on to other accommodation.
- Access to 2 Crash Pads for the sole use of Care Leavers who may need emergency accommodation. Additional support is included with the Crash Pad.
- If you access a Crash Pad you are provided with essential items you may need including your own pillow, quilt & covers, pots & cutlery and a small food pack.
- All Care Leavers living in Middlesbrough are Council Tax exempt up to the age of 21.
- Access to a dedicated housing worker within Pathways to offer additional advice and support to you around accommodation.
- Access to accommodation for Care Leavers at University out of area to enable them to return to Middlesbrough or their home town during holiday periods.
- Middlesbrough Council Revenue and Benefit Department have agreed to pay a Discretionary Housing Payment to cover the cost of a shortfall in rent up to a level of £100 per week in total (including Housing Benefit / Universal Credit entitlement) if your housing benefit entitlement changes while living in your home (in Middlesbrough) up to the age of 25.
- Middlesbrough Council Revenue and Benefit Department have agreed pay for removal van costs for those Care Leavers who receive either Housing Benefit or Universal Credit when you move into safe, secure independent living up to the age of 25.
- Access to your Setting Up Home allowance to furnish a tenancy of your own.
- Access to the “Fresh Start” group which supports you to look at your independent living skills and help build confidence in preparation for adulthood and independent living.