

➤ Accommodation

Own Tenancy with Floating Support - Once you are ready for independence; you can apply to Durham Key Options, a choice based lettings scheme operated by Durham County Council.

The scheme allows you to bid for properties that you are interested in once you have been accepted onto the register.

As part of moving on into independence, there are a number of floating support schemes, that offer you support in your own home, helping you to manage your tenancy. Your Social Worker or YPA will assist you to make an application for floating support.

Accommodation in an Emergency - If you find yourself in a situation whereby you are at risk of homelessness, there are options available to you and your Social Worker or YPA will assist you to find the most suitable and appropriate emergency accommodation that best meets your needs. The options available could include:

- Unplanned Emergency Placement within Supported Lodgings
- Crash Pad placement via Holistic Temporary Accommodation and Support Service (HTASS)

➤ If you are leaving care....

...we know it's a big step and making the leap can be exciting and scary at the same time. However we are here to support you.

Whenever possible you should remain in care and you should only leave care before you are 18, if you are ready and prepared for independence.





Your accommodation and support needs will be discussed as part of your Pathway Plan and a CLASP (Care Leavers Accommodation and Support Protocol) meeting may be held to discuss the options open to you, when you are ready to leave care.

The meeting is usually held with you, your Social Worker or YPA and an officer from the Housing Solutions Service and will discuss:

- What type of accommodation you want to live in, once you leave care
- Where you want to live;
- Supported accommodation schemes; and
- How to apply for a tenancy of your own, when ready.

Supported Lodgings - This is where you live with a family or single person, who will help you to develop the skills to live independently. This can be a stepping stone to your own tenancy, when ready.

Supported Accommodation Schemes - There are a number of supported accommodation schemes in County Durham that offer accommodation which have staff based on site.

Supported Tenancies - There are a number of providers that offer supported tenancies within County Durham. The accommodation tends to be shared accommodation, whereby two people may share a house or a flat and receive regular floating support from the accommodation provider. This type of accommodation can act as a stepping stone, preparing you for your own independent tenancy.