

# ➤ Staying Put

- Is an arrangement that allows a young person to remain with their Foster Carer after they are 18 if it is in your interest and you and the carer agree about it.
- Needs to be discussed and considered from aged 16 onwards and recorded in your Pathway Plan. You can remain there until you are 21 but that might not be what you want or the best thing for you.

Local Authority has to:

- Provide support and advice to you and your carer so that you have all the information about Staying Put that you need to make an informed decision.
- Provide training to your former foster carer
- Monitor the placement





## Differences between Fostering and Staying Put

- At 18 you are an adult and no longer in care
- This is not a placement but a living together agreement between two adults individual to both yourself and the carer
- You will be expected to learn and practise independent living skills
- Your finance will be separate to financial support to the carers and you will make a contribution from this.
- If your carer is continuing as a Foster Carer you will have to abide by certain requirements including having a DBS check.

If you are not happy with the plans for you

- Speak to your Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO)
- Ask for an urgent review of your Pathway Plan
- You could ask for an advocate
- Ask for details of how to make a complaint