

Can you open your home to a young person?

CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE'S
SERVICE

Supported Lodgings Scheme



Background

Blackpool Council looks after children for different reasons. The Supported Lodgings Scheme aims to provide a safe and supportive environment to young people leaving foster homes or care homes and offers a bridge between being in care and independence.

Who are the young people?

They are usually between the ages of 16-18 and may be in employment, training, further education or looking for work.

How does it work?

The scheme plays an important part in a young persons transition to adult life; where they can settle and be happy and at the same time receive ongoing guidance and encouragement.

What do I need to have?

The qualities needed to be a Supported Lodgings provider are:

- An understanding of the difficulties faced by young people
- Be in good health
- Have a warm and caring personality
- A reasonable expectation of a young person's abilities
- Have nothing in background to suggest any young person placed in your care could be at risk of harm or abuse.

You will also need patience, flexibility and have plenty of common sense and a desire to make a difference to the lives of young people in need and also have a spare bedroom in your house. A sense of humour can be an advantage.

In return

For your help and support you will gain the satisfaction of helping to make a positive difference to a young persons life. We will also make payments to cover the use of the room and extra costs, such as heating, lighting and food.

**For more information or to have an informal discussion
Please telephone the After Care Team
Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm on (01253) 477654**

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