



Information for Young People

Lancashire Supported Lodgings

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What is Supported Lodgings?

Lancashire Supported Lodgings is a service which provides accommodation for 16-25 year olds in the homes of approved householders in the Fylde, Wyre, Lancaster & Morecambe areas of Lancashire.

We know that a **supportive, stable home environment** can make a huge difference to your chances of moving on successfully into adulthood and preparing to live independently.



Young people referred to our scheme come from a variety of backgrounds including those at risk of homelessness, care leavers and other vulnerable young people who may be in housing need.

Of course, each young person is different- but you may need support with:

- finishing education or training
- finding a job
- managing money
- developing life skills such as cooking, housework or laundry
- building confidence in your ability to live independently

The service supports young people who would like to live in a home environment to learn practical skills for independence.

Upon receiving a referral, our staff will carry out a thorough assessment of your needs with a view to matching you with the most appropriate householder.

You will have the opportunity to meet any potential householder and view your new home before choosing to move in.

We are more than just a place to sleep

Our support begins as soon as you apply to be considered for the scheme. We'll guide you through the assessment process and continue to support you after you've been matched with a householder. We offer ongoing guidance and support to both you and the householder for the duration of your stay.

How does it work?

The scheme is funded by Lancashire County Council.

We recruit, train and support householders to be able to provide safe and secure accommodation for young people.

By welcoming you into their home, householders can provide emotional support and help you to learn the everyday, practical skills you will need for adult life.

You will also be allocated a project worker who will work on an individually tailored support plan to help you to achieve your goals and support you with moving on when the time comes.

All Barnardo's services put young people's needs and welfare first. In the same way, understanding the individual needs of each young person is vital to achieving a successful supported lodgings arrangement.

We draw upon experience gained from successfully running a service for young people across Lancashire since 2004.



For some lodgings, local authorities pay a weekly charge for their young person to be housed in supported lodgings until the age of 18.

Other young people and over 18's are supported to claim housing benefit in order to cover the cost of their rent; or if they find work; to make their own contributions to rent in line with their income.

I'm interested

What do I do now?

If you would like to know more about the different lodgings we have available, you or your allocated worker may get in touch with us via the details below.

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