



Housing Options Service

HOUSING OPTIONS ADVICE FOR 16 & 17 YEAR OLDS

Asked to Leave By Parents

If you've been asked to leave by your parents and have nowhere to stay tonight then the Housing Options Service may have a duty to provide accommodation for you.

Before offering you any sort of temporary accommodation we will have to refer you for Mediation (provided by Llamau).

Once the Housing Options Officer has taken your details they will contact our Mediation Officer who will contact you and your parents.

At first, this will be to confirm the situation and to talk about what's happened. The Mediation worker will then try to reach an agreement between you and your parents to see if there is any way you can return to your family home.

If the Mediation Worker can confirm that you need accommodation for tonight, then we will offer you temporary accommodation.

If you are able to return to the family home then we will not have a duty to provide any accommodation for you but can still give you advice on how to secure alternative accommodation.

Please be aware that depending on your individual needs we may need to contact Social Services to conduct an assessment. They may decide to accommodate you or provide you with support.

Looking for Somewhere to Live

If you are able to stay with your parents but would like to find somewhere else to live, the Housing Options Service can give you advice on how to do this.

You will have been given a leaflet which lists various different agencies and how they can help. This will be discussed with you in more detail during your interview.

When looking for somewhere to live it is always important to think of how you will afford it. Remember to consider rent and all other bills. These would include things like water, gas, electricity, council tax etc. Also consider food bills, your mobile phone and any social activities.

If you don't pay your rent and other household bills you are likely to lose your tenancy.


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