

Next Step

**AMAZING
OPPORTUNITY
FOR OVER 16S
AND
UNDER 21S**

Why not try supportive lodgings?
A transitional home that prepares you
for full independence and guides you
to making appropriate decisions.



Have your own key to your place

**Be Empowered
Learn adult living skills
Be Job ready &
Be Independent**



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What is the supportive lodgings?

- ◆ It is the new supported accommodation option available for young people age 16-21 years.
- ◆ You will be renting a room in a supportive lodgings provider's home.
- ◆ You will have your own keys.
- ◆ You will have to shop and cook for yourself.

Who is it for?

Young people who are not quite ready to live on their own but have established some level of independence and are confident to make their own choices and decisions.

Expectations

Before you are placed in a supportive lodgings accommodation, a licence and a living agreement will have to be signed by you and the provider.

The living agreement will be discussed with the provider before you move in.

How to access the supportive lodgings scheme?

Your social worker/personal advisor will make a referral if it is agreed that this is the right thing for you.

What does the supportive lodgings provider do?

- ◆ They provide you with a safe and supportive environment.
- ◆ They will offer you support and you will be able to talk to them.
- ◆ They will empower and guide you on your pathway to adulthood.

How long will I stay in the accommodation for?

You may be living there for 6 months up to a year depending on your progress. This will be reviewed as part of your LAC review if you are under 18 years or every three months if you are over 18 years.

How will I pay my rent?

Your rent will be paid by Independent Futures if you are 16/17 years old and looked after by the Islington Council.

If you are over 18, you will be responsible for claiming your Housing benefit and ensuring that the rent is paid to the supportive lodgings provider.

Who will support me while I am in the supportive Lodgings?

Your social worker/personal advisor or a SHP worker.

Contact details

Supportive Lodgings scheme

Contact: Angela Nelson on 0207 527 7749 or Jan Gooderham on 0207 527 7198

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Young people's Islington

