

Virtual Spending

Setting Up Home Allowance

Young Person's Guide



The total Setting Up Home Allowance is £2,000. This is not a great deal of money when trying to buy everything for your first home. It is therefore important that you spend some time working out what you need and how much it all costs.

This exercise is to help you prepare before you need to do it for real. You can do this as many times as you want until you feel ready and can do this with your foster carer, Personal Advisor, Residential Worker or Social Worker or someone else you feel comfortable with. You will need to let the IRO know how you are getting on as they will ask you about this in your Review.

The list of items below have been agreed as what you may need when moving into your first home, however depending on how you spend your money you may not be able to afford everything on the list. The list below includes the cheapest cost of each item, and which store they are available from. You may want to shop around and find alternatives. You can do this on line with your social worker or Personal Advisor, or plan a visit to local shops. Have a look around at home and check things against the list with your foster carer or residential worker.

In order to prepare yourself to spend the money and get the most out of the amount you have, you will need to think about the following: -

- What are the most expensive items? Put these to the top of your list
- What do you think are the most important items? Put these to the top of your list
- Is there anything on the list you think you don't want or need? Take these off your list
- Is there anything not on the list you think you would need? Add these to your list
- Is there anything you would consider buying second hand or do you want to buy everything new?

You should now have a list of items you would like to buy for your home. You will have made some decisions about whether you want to consider buying things second hand, and will already have the cost of all the items and where you can buy them.

What next?

- Check out how much the items cost in other stores, for example go online or visit the shop and find out whether you can find these items cheaper, or whether you want to spend a bit more on some things and not as much on others.

- Have a look at some Charity Shops and see what kind of things they sell
- Start pulling together the cost of items and seeing how much you have spent
- You will need to take an average cost in respect of carpet or flooring because you won't know how big your new home will be; you could work on an average of 60 square meters.
- Develop your list and think about what you have learned and what you need more help with. Discuss this with your social worker and take it to your review.

Good luck

Purchase Item	New or Second Hand	Cheapest Cost	Store	Alternative Cost	Store	Running Total
Cooker						
Cost of Installation						
Fridge Freezer						
Ironing Board						
Iron						
Vacuum Cleaner						
Tea Towels / Oven Glove						
Washing up Bowl and Brush, Dish Cloth, Pan Scrub						
Set of Pans						
Cutlery Set						
Kitchen Knives						
Kitchen Utensils						
Ovenware						
Crockery, Glasses, Cups						
Chopping Boards						
Kettle						
Tin Opener						
Bread Bin						
Long Brush / Dustpan and Brush / Dusters						
Washing Machine at the						

discretion of the Team Manager						
Mop / Bucket						
Microwave						
Toaster						
Clothes Maiden						
Cleaning Materials						
Kitchen Total Cost						
3 piece suite (second hand)						
Coffee Table						
TV						
Table and 4 chairs						
Lamp						
Clock						
Lounge Total Cost						
Towels (1 bail)						
Toilet Brush						
Bin						
Laundry Basket						
Bath Mat						
Bathroom Total Cost						
Bed, Mattress and Headboard						
Double Duvet and Pillow x 2						
Duvet cover, pillow case, fitted sheets (2 sets						

Wardrobe						
Chest of Drawers						
Coat Hangers						
Mirror						
Lamp						
Bedside Locker / cabinet						
Bedroom Total Cost						
Carpet / Underlay						
Curtains						
Mattress Protector						
TV Licence						
Bulbs						
Home Insurance (Contents)						
House Alarm						
Smoke Alarm						
Carbon Monoxide Alarm						
Fire Blanket						
First Aid Kit						
Spare Keys						
Installation of gas or electrical goods by approved fitter						
Removal costs						
Decorating Grant						
DIY / practical assistance to						

ensure the accommodation is furnished to a sufficient standard						
Deposit or rent in advance						
Suitcase						
General Total Cost						
Total Setting Up Home Cost						
Total Setting Up Home Allowance:					CURRENT FIGURE:	£2000.00