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Leicestershire Procedure for Supported Lodging Young Peoples Guide

Applies to-

Children in particular circumstances



Producing a young person's guide

The registered person should produce a young person's guide. The young person's guide must be made available to all young people in a format that is easily accessible and understood by each young person before or when they arrive at the setting. It must be clear and user friendly.

An effective introduction to a setting will ensure that the young person understands the information given to them in the young person's guide, which must outline important details about the service.

The young person's guide should be provided in a format that is easily accessed and understood by each young person, taking into account the particular needs and requirements of the young person, including any disabilities or language barriers and/or support needed with immigration matters (where relevant).

The young person's guide should include information about supported lodgings placements, making reference to how it meets the accommodation standard. Information should be included on any processes or rules set out by the service to keep the young people they accommodate safe.

The young person's guide should help young people to understand:

- The nature of supported lodgings.
- What any features of the day to day routine would look like in the home.
- What support the young person is entitled to through the service (including support delivered through external agencies) in a variety of areas such as education, training, employment, developing independent living skills, and how the young person can access the support, including for their physical and mental health.
- The guide needs to include an account of young people's rights, what they are entitled to from the service as well as, for example, their entitlement to education, and entitlements through their status as a looked after child or care leaver, such as any financial help. Hosts need to have the skills to support young people to identify, access and receive their entitlements in a manner that helps them learn to do this independently in the future.
- Expectations around behaviour and engaging with the service, such as good housekeeping, treating others with respect, and so on.
- Policies and agreements around the use of drugs and alcohol.
- Arrangements in place for entering young people's bedrooms, such as providing advance notice and when this might not be possible.
- How the young person can make a complaint in line with the service's complaints procedure.
- how the young person can access advocacy support or independent advocacy if eligible.

- Included in the young person's guide should be information about how young people can contact their accommodating authority to call for a review of their care/pathway plan if they have concerns about their own safety or welfare.
- The guide needs to include information for young people about how they can speak to an independent advocate, Independent Reviewing Officers (IROs), their Personal Advisor, Ofsted inspectors or other relevant persons if they have concerns about their own safety.
- How the young person can contact the Office of the Children's Commissioner for advice and assistance about their rights and entitlements.

The registered person should review and update the young person's guide as necessary, making sure young people are consulted prior to making any changes.