



Centre for Professional Practice

## STAYING PUT

### LIVING TOGETHER AGREEMENT

This Agreement must be completed before or at the time the Young Person is provided with accommodation. The Agreement should then be reviewed as part of the Pathway Plan review process.

The Agreement must be drawn up with the Young Person, their Social Worker/Personal Adviser, the Staying Put Provider(s) (former Foster Carer) and their Supervising Social Worker and is linked to the information and outcomes detailed in the Pathway Plan.

Whilst this agreement relates to living together arrangements, all other related information including financial benefits will be discussed and clarified at the young person's interview for Universal Credit/ Housing Benefit.

#### YOUNG PERSONS DETAILS

Name:		DoB:	
Date Plan drawn up:		Start Date of Plan:	
Review Date:		Expected End Date:	



### STAYING PUT PROVIDER'S DETAILS

Name(s):			
Address:			
Phone Number:		Email Address:	

### SOCIAL WORKER/YOUNG PERSON ADVISOR DETAILS

Name:		Team:	
Phone Number		Email Address	

### COSTS

Lodging Fee/ Housing Benefit	£60.00
Staying Put Provider's Services & Support	£140.00
<b>Total Placement cost</b>	<b>£200.00</b>

**SIGNATURES OF THE PARTIES**

**Staying Put Provider(s):**

I/We agree that I/We have read and understood the Living Together Agreement and agree that I/We will become Staying Put Provider(s) for the Young Person below.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Young Person:**

I agree that I have read and understood the Living Together Agreement and agree that I want to remain with my current Foster Carer(s) who will be known as my Staying Put Provider(s).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Young Person's Social Worker:**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Young Person's Personal Adviser:**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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This agreement is made between you, the Staying Put Provider and Dudley MBC Children's Services (DCS). It is made in accordance with The Children Act 1989 and Guidance and Regulations; Volume 3; Family Placement.

Please read the following information and sign agreeing to comply with these requirements:

1. DCS will provide you with all relevant information regarding the young person.
2. DCS will identify a named worker for you who will visit regularly and who will provide support.
3. You will comply with the placement agreement and respect each young person placed with you.
4. You will ensure that young people in your home will receive positive messages about their origins, religion and culture.
5. You will support the young people placed with you to help them acquire the skills they will need for independent living and will contribute to goals as set out in Pathway Plans.
6. You will give prompt notice to your Named Worker regarding the following:
  - Any intended change
  - Any change in the composition of the household, even if these are only temporary.
  - Any change in personal circumstances that could affect your capacity to act as a provider of lodgings.
  - Any further request/application made by you or any other member of the household to foster, adopt or child mind.

7. You will work in a way that will encourage healthy living, promote education, training and employment and help young people to move on in a positive way.
8. You will abide by confidentiality agreements.
9. You acknowledge that it is not permissible to physically punish a young person in your care or interact with a young person in such a way that is emotionally abusive.
10. You will maintain the accommodation provided to the same standard as when approved.
11. You will notify DCS immediately of any serious illness, accident, or any other serious occurrence involving the young person in lodgings.
12. You acknowledge that you have been given guidance regarding financial arrangements, legal liability, insurance and taxes relating to young people placed in your home and that you will inform your insurance company (building and contents insurance) and HMRC about your Supported Lodgings arrangements.
13. You will attend relevant and agreed training courses.
14. Your approval as a Staying Put Provider(s) for DCS will be reviewed annually.
15. You can end the “Staying Put” Agreement at any time by giving 4 weeks’ notice to DCS but you must inform the young person’s Personal Advisor immediately and give reasons for your decision.

## YOUNG PERSON'S HOUSE RULES

### ACCOMMODATION

- You will have sole use of a bedroom and whilst your Staying Put Provider(s) has full right of entry into that room as the householder, they will respect your right to privacy and give reasonable notice to enter. If at any time, they are worried about your safety, they have the right to enter your room to check on your welfare.
- You have a right to use the shared facilities and rooms in the property; this will include the kitchen, bathroom and WC, lounge and laundry facilities. You do not have the right of access to the other bedrooms in the property.
- If for any reason you need to be moved to an alternative bedroom either permanently or as a temporary measure, the reasons will be explained by your Staying Put Provider(s) in the presence of the Social Worker/ Young Person's Adviser so you are aware of the reasons for the move.

### LAUNDRY

- You will have access to laundry facilities in the property.

### FINANCE

- Dudley Children's Services will pay your Staying Put Provider(s) directly.
- You are NOT allowed to take out credit cards, loan agreement or mobile phone contracts registered at the Staying Put Provider(s) address unless agreed with Staying Put Provider(s).
- If you are eligible for housing benefit, you will be liable to pay this directly to your Staying Put Provider(s).
- It is your responsibility to work with the Young Person's Advisor to access any benefits/grants which you may be entitled to.

## **VISITORS**

- Visitors can only come to the property once it has been agreed with your Staying Put Provider(s).
- You must NOT invite anyone else to share your room. Overnight visitors must be agreed beforehand with your Staying Put Provider(s).

## **NOTICE**

- If you want to move out you must let your Staying Put Provider(s) know at least 4 weeks before you want to move.
- Your Staying Put Provider(s) can end the Staying Put Agreement at any time by giving 4 weeks' notice and will do so if you stop paying your rent or do not stick to these House Rules.

## **GENERAL RULES**

The following rules must be followed by all parties to ensure that your placement with your Staying Put Provider(s) can be maintained.

### **These Include:**

- You and your Staying Put Provider(s) will respect each other's privacy.
- You will respect the Staying Put Provider(s) and their property and vice versa.
- You must be considerate to all the people who share the house.
- You must ask if you want to keep a pet.
- You must not use or keep illegal substances in the property.
- You must let the provider know if anything is broken or needs mending.
- You will keep your Staying Put Provider informed if you stay away overnight or away for a few days.
- You are expected to keep your room tidy.
- Where the Staying Put Provider(s) remain as Foster Carers you will have periodic DBS checks.