



Supported

Lodgings

Rent out your spare room, share your life skills, become a supported lodgings host.

Supporting you
to make a difference

 **Staffordshire**
County Council

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What is Supported Lodgings?

Supported lodgings involves sharing your home with a young person, providing them with a safe, family environment where they can gain independence and learn to live on their own. Typically, young people in supported lodgings are aged 16 to 19. As a host, you will teach them practical skills like cooking, cleaning, and budgeting, and support their education or training.

Who can be a Supported Lodgings Host?

- You must be over 21 and have a spare bedroom.
- You should live near good transport links for the young person's travel to school, college, or work.
- Solo applicants are welcome.

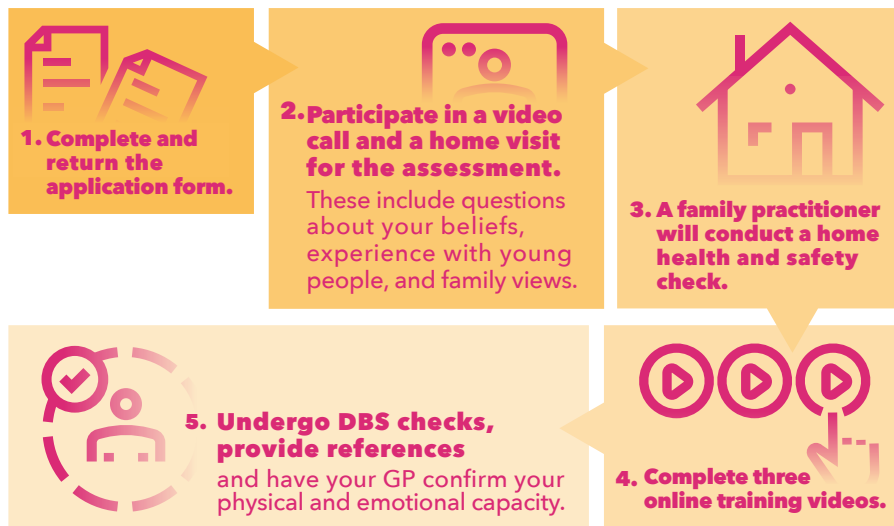
Benefits of being a Supported Lodgings Host

- A hosting allowance of £206 per week and paid mileage.
- You can work full-time while making a difference in a young person's life.
- Receive ongoing support from a supported lodgings coordinator.
- The young person will have their own support worker.
- Access to a support group for hosts.
- 24/7 support from the emergency duty service.
- Training opportunities alongside foster carers.



Supported Lodgings Assessment

To get involved, you'll go through an assessment process:



After completing these steps, you'll attend a panel meeting to finalise your application.

Supported Lodgings Panel

The panel, consisting of social workers and care-experienced young people, meets monthly in Stafford. They will review your application and may ask a few questions. Most applicants are approved unless there are significant concerns.



We chose to become supported lodgings hosts because it fit seamlessly into our lifestyle. We can continue working full time while providing the necessary support to a young person. It's incredibly rewarding to offer the guidance and care needed.

Staffordshire host



Next Steps

Once approved, you'll receive profiles of young people needing a host in your area. You can decline if the match isn't right. After a suitable match, you'll meet the young person and set a move-in date.

Supported Lodgings Panel

- Regular support calls every 12 weeks
- Annual review with a social worker
- Access to the supported lodgings community and support events
- Ongoing training opportunities
- Membership of The Fostering Network for independent advice, guidance, and discounts.

Further information

Call our Enquiry Line on:

0800 169 2061

and ask for an initial visit from one of our social workers.

Visit:

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