

# Bournemouth Young People's Service

**Bournemouth Young Peoples Service provides accommodation in Bournemouth for Young People leaving care or homeless.**

## Mission

To provide accommodation for young people in the care of the Local Authority with low to high support needs in a supportive, stimulating and safe environment, enabling them to make life changes and develop so that they are able to move on into successful independent living.

## Location

The properties are opposite each other in a small cul de sac. Accommodation is located close to education, leisure and shopping opportunities.

## Staff

Houses are staffed to the packages needed including a sleep in member of staff. Staff are supported by a Team leader and Senior Service Manager.

## Aims

- To offer a Leaving Care/Independent Living Service for previously looked after (relevant) young people and those found to be homeless
- To help young people acquire necessary skills in preparation for living independently.
- To allow them to experiment safely with their increasing freedom and develop responsibilities associated with adulthood, whilst still having an appropriate level of support from an experienced and qualified staff team.
- To enable young people, via the support delivered, to move on to independence with the skills to care for themselves and maintain future accommodation.

## Key Elements

- All young people at the project will be provided with the right level of support and intervention according to their needs as outlined by any relevant plans and assessments
- Alabaré staff will work in partnership with relevant Children's Services or housing staff to support the young people into independence.

## Eligibility and referrals

Referrals will be accepted from the relevant placement teams

For each referral the following information is required:

- An up to date risk assessment
- Pathway plan where applicable
- Single assessment where applicable

- Referral plan
- Any information that would help us with the care for the young person

## Personal Support Plans

All residents are allocated a key worker and together agree a support plan based on a thorough assessment of their individual needs. Staff signpost residents to appropriate agencies if and when necessary.

## Length of stay

To be decided with young person and the Local Authority from which the young person is coming from.

## Facilities

All young people have their own room with a lockable door. Each room has a chest of drawers, bed, bedside tables, bedside lamps, wardrobe. Each house has communal areas, a kitchen, and laundry facilities. Each house has an outside space.

All young people are given a new set of bedding on arrival consisting of duvet, two pillows, bottom sheet, pillowcases and duvet cover

## Training

Tenancy training is available through the delivery of Alabaré Home & Money. Staff are also able to deliver any relevant group work through Alabaré Academy NOCN qualifications. We also work in partnership with any local education provider to support young people to attend courses.

## Policies

- No smoking in the project
  - Project are damp\* houses no alcohol allowed
  - We have a no drugs tolerance
  - 24 hour residents access
  - Visitors permitted between 9am and 10pm
  - Complaints/Harassment procedure for residents
- \* YP can return intoxicated but cannot bring alcohol on site

## Equal opportunities and confidentiality

Alabaré believes in equal opportunities and will not discriminate against service users on any basis. Information about services users is regarded as confidential and is safeguarded.

## For further information

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