

Contact us

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Worcestershire Children First



Useful links

Axis Youth HUB
01562 743336

St Basils
01562 746304

Nightstop
01562 743111

Turn2us
0808 802 2000

Shelter
0808 800 4444

Citizens Advice Bureau
www.citizensadvice.org.uk

www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk

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Housing help and advice for people leaving care

Worried about homelessness?

We can help...

Get help now

Speak to your Personal Advisor (PA) to make sure your housing needs have been looked at.

Our team will work with you, your PA and other organisations to check your housing and support needs and work out the best options for you.

We will ask you for proof of identification; that you are leaving care and of any medical or support needs you have.

Get in touch with us as soon as possible as it will be easier for us to help you. You can contact us 56 days before the date you need to leave your care placement or earlier if you are aware that you need to leave.

Are you homeless now?

Worcestershire Children First will have a responsibility for you if you are under 18. However, if you are approaching 18 or your care placement immediately breaks down and you have nowhere to go, you will need to contact us.

We can also refer you to our Young Person's Pathway Worker who can support you throughout this process.

Do you need help to stay where you are?

We can work with you and your PA to look at a staying put arrangement. That is where you stay in your placement for a limited period whilst you search for accommodation. This will mean you will not be placed in temporary accommodation during this time.

The team may offer you financial support if you have your own place but are struggling to afford it.

Do you need to move soon?

If you are living somewhere now but need to move soon our team will be able to look at your options.

The type of accommodation available to you as a care leaver will depend on whether you can live independently.

Most councils and housing providers are likely to consider options such as shared houses or foyers, you can use this time to show that you are suitable for self contained housing. We can then work with you to create a pathway, this could be in the social or private rented sector. Help is available for rent bonds/deposits.

When registering for Homechoice Plus, if you were 'looked after' by the county council you are seen as having a connection to all the districts within the county.

Worried about money?

Children's Services may help if you are under 18. If over 18, you may be entitled to help with your living costs. Speak to our team at the hub or Job Centre Plus.

Care leavers are exempt (until your 22nd birthday) from the shared accommodation rate of Local Housing Allowance.

Support

You will have a personal advisor until you turn 21 (25 if studying full time). Their job is to make sure you claim everything you are entitled to. They can help you with your Personalised Housing Plan (PHP) and application forms for housing, benefits, education and training courses. They can also help with life skills such as budgeting.

More information is available on our website

