

Section 1 | Introduction

The assessment process takes between 4-6 months. It is very similar to a fostering assessment but focuses more on the needs of teenagers and how we help keep young people safe whilst promoting independence.

During assessment we talk about who you are, your experiences, how the household works, skills to support young people amongst other things that will help form a picture of the home and support that can be given.

Section 2 | Why do we need an assessment?

As the young people who live within Supported Lodgings are cared for young people or care experienced young people, we have to make sure that the home environment is a safe place and that the people who provide Supported Lodging's understand some of the barriers, issues, and problems that our young people can face.

We need to carry out safety checks, gain references and make sure you understand what the scheme is about and the support you will be offering, as well as the professionals you will work alongside with whilst having a young person live within your home.

Section 3 | Sections covered

- Assessment- The home layout- Where do you live? Relationships- including any previous relationships, Family Background, Education/Work, Health and Wellbeing, Equality and Diversity, Pet Assessment, Social media and Internet understanding, Building relationships with young people, Experience of supporting young people, Skills and knowledge to support developing independence, Scenario Questions, Develop a Living Together agreement, Missing Procedures, Training and Recommendations.

Section 4 | Checks

- Enhanced DBS check, Police check
- Childrens Social Care system check
- References (2 x personal, 1 x employer)
- Health Assessment- Request sent to GP.

Section 5 | Approval

Once the Assessment has been completed this is shared with the TfC panel for Supported Lodgings and they make the decision regarding approval or any recommendations.

Once you are approved as a Supported Lodgings Provider you will be added to the list of providers and we will aim to match you to a young person.

We will provide 6-8 weekly supervision visits, annual reviews and provide support as and when required.