

Young Peoples Supported Accommodation Service



Applicants must be:

- Aged between 16 and 25 (contact the Service directly for guidance regarding applicants applying aged 16 -17yrs)
- Single
- Homeless, at risk of homelessness or in housing need - or
- Living in temporary accommodation – or Leaving local authority care

Preference will be given to those who are:

- Unemployed, but committed to looking for work or training opportunities
- In training or in further education or in an apprenticeship
- In recently obtained paid work

Ineligible applicants include those: (this is not an exhaustive list and is provided for guidance only; each applicant will be assessed on an individual basis)

- Released from prison within the past 6 months
- Released from young offenders institution within the past 6 months
- Discharged from a secure mental health unit within the past 6 months
- Discharged from a drug or alcohol rehabilitation unit within the past 6 months
- Convicted of racial, violent or aggressive behaviour or assault
- Convicted of or involvement in attacks of arson
- Convicted of any offence of a sexual nature
- With severe mental health issues
- With severe alcohol and drug dependency
- With severe learning difficulties and disabilities
- Please note applicants who are waiting for the outcome of a pending court case or summons will be declined until the outcome is known**
- Who have been supported by the Service on two separate occasions or have been supported by the Service for a continual 2 year period

If either of the following apply, please contact the Service for further advice:

- You are banned from any of the Service Buildings
- You owe Southern Housing Group or Sovereign Housing (including the Foyer) any money

Applicants will be assessed for their suitability at assessment stage

The need to maintain a safe and balanced community within the Service is paramount. The Service is staffed for low to high levels of support, however it has a limited capacity in the delivery of support services. This capacity is managed by carrying out an assessment of needs and risks. Those applicants requiring more support than can be provided or those presenting high needs/risk to other residents **may not** be offered accommodation.

The assessment decision can be appealed in writing to the Service Manager. All Applicants can re-apply after a period of 6 months.

Time spent in the Service will be a maximum of two years depending on need. Each resident will work with staff to develop an individual action plan which will outline what that person wishes and needs to achieve whilst living in the Service. Commitment to this plan forms part of the terms of tenancy.