

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Welcome to Key Directions

Welcome to Key Directions, a service where we strive as a team to provide homes for young people that maintain their safety and offer structured opportunities for you to grow in skills, confidence and independence.

We understand that choosing alternative accommodation can be a daunting and a difficult decision, but I hope that by reading this document you can feel reassured in your choice and understand the ethos of Key Directions.

We would like you to feel happy and confident in your decision you make and therefore would encourage and invite you to visit us so you can see the types of homes we provide and so you the can get a feel of our surroundings and meet us and ask any questions you may have.

We hope that from this visit you will come away feeling reassured and your visit with us was a positive one, we look forward to welcoming you.

2: Introduction: Our Registration

Key Directions offers high quality accommodation and a wraparound service to young people, aged 16-25 years who may require additional support encouraging them to focus on their strengths and build positive support networks to achieve their potential.

The support services we provide include:

Financial advice
High quality accommodation
Independence skills
Integration into the Community

and support for:

Education, Employment and Training
Emotional and Behavioural challenges
Integration into the Community
Young people who identify as LGBTQ+
Young people with Mental Health needs
Self-care and personal hygiene
Substance and Alcohol Misuse
Unaccompanied Asylum-seekers

Our service will support local authorities and other organisations to increase the outcomes for young people, including unaccompanied people seeking asylum. We recognise many young people may need same day accommodation for various reasons and we are able to consider all applications.

Key Directions is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff to share this commitment. All posts at Key Directions are subject to a standard or enhanced DBS check. Please click link for further information on DBS <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GF9W7W0wdhY>.

Currently supported living is not a regulated service, however due to the experience, knowledge and skill set of the staff team the service will be run as if it were regulated and will be done to the highest and most stringent regulations.

3: Our aims and objectives

Key Directions will support young people to start their journey towards independence using a step-by-step approach ensuring a smooth transition into adulthood.

We will provide safe and high quality accommodation in which our young people can develop and enhance their independent skills. Our young people will be supported to achieve positive outcomes enabling them to make informed life choices.

Aims:

For each young person to feel safe and protected within their home.

To ensure that each individual young person's rights are met in respect of play, leisure, social and family life.

For each individual young person to enjoy good physical and mental health and live a healthy lifestyle.

To ensure each young person can access their community safely and make positive choices about how to interact with the community around them

To ensure each individual young person is in receipt of education, training or employment appropriate to his or her assessed needs.

To provide each individual young person with the opportunity to plan a future for themselves that they can work toward.

Objectives:

To provide a range of opportunities for the young person to experience that will enhance their time with us and improve upon their own skills and knowledge.

To enhance the young person's educational provision by continuing to support with any educational curricular activities on a waking curriculum basis.

To seek to involve and re-integrate the young person into their local networks for play and leisure. To ensure that this involvement remains part of the young person's programme and pathway through the service.

To offer an accurate and comprehensive assessment, with co-ordinated management of risk factors to enable any psychological or psychiatric intervention to be successful.

To comply with relevant legislation and regulations relevant so supported accommodation and to ensure that all young people in receipt of the service are kept safe and free from harm.

4. Supporting young people: The young people we support.

Key Directions provides accommodation 52 weeks of the year in a variety of settings that are suited to the young person. This can be group living, or independent living in a one bedroom flat. The service supports young people from 16 - 18 years of age, but can go beyond the age of 18 where it is considered appropriate for the young person to do so. Key Directions supports young people who who may require additional support encouraging them to focus on their strengths and build positive support networks to achieve their potential.

5. Supporting young people: Key Directions' ethos.

The principle aim of Key Directions is to offer high quality, targeted support to young people within a homely and caring environment which meets the specific physical, social, intellectual and emotional needs of the young people living there.

Key Directions has a strong belief in the importance of young people being provided with opportunities to achieve their goals and aspirations and the young people will be supported by a committed staff team offering leadership, guidance and positive role modelling to young people.

6. Supporting young people: Admission process for Key Directions

Key Directions accepts admissions on an individual basis, from local authorities, individuals themselves and the families of young people, taking into account the existing young people and the individual requirements and aims of its young people.

When the admission is from a referring Local Authority, referral papers are received and a home visit is undertaken where possible and appropriate (we also strongly encourage the young people to visit us as well).

We are also able to take emergency placements as we understand that often due to the needs of the young person and them being in a crisis situation that same day accommodation is often needed; however this will be determined through discussions with the young person, referring body, risk management and compatibility with Key Directions vision and values.

Prior to a young person moving in they will meet with a member of the team who will go through a welcome pack along with rules of living in the properties, issuing of keys, health and safety procedures as well as introducing them to their key worker, explaining where they can get support 24 hours a day and give them a welcome pack which will include basic toiletries, a food starter pack and key contacts.

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