



**NORTH YORKSHIRE
PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP**

Young People and Housing

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Practitioner's Leaflet



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What is the HUB?

Homelessness prevention advice and support for young people is available from your local Housing Solutions @ The Hub.

Seven Hubs are located in each of the districts/ boroughs with a team consisting of Homelessness Prevention Workers and Housing Options staff overseen by a Hub Coordinator.

The Hub's main aim is to support young people to stay at home or in other suitable living arrangements with family or friends, and where this is not appropriate or possible supported accommodation can be offered. This approach is the Young Peoples Pathway.

Who is eligible?

All young people aged 16 - 25 (up until their 26th birthday) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, should be referred to the Hub. Also any young person who requires more general advice on issues such as tenancies, deposits and housing costs.



The following groups of young people may be entitled to additional support:

★ Young people aged 16-17

If it is not possible to prevent a young person aged 16-17 from becoming homeless or it is felt that they require additional help, a social worker will assess the young person's needs. For some vulnerable young people it may be appropriate to offer support under Section 20 of the Children's Act (bringing a young person into care).

★ Young people aged 16-25 with additional vulnerabilities

Additional support from Children and Families Service or Health and Adult Services may be available for young people with vulnerabilities such as:

- ★ Learning difficulties/disabilities
- ★ Substance misuse/mental health considerations
- ★ Care Leavers
- ★ Young Offenders
- ★ Pregnant young people or young parents, their partners and families



The Pathway process

The Hub offers universal support and advice on housing-related issues to all young people aged 16-25.

For those at risk of homelessness, the service offers advice and reconnection to help young people remain in/return to their home or make alternative suitable living arrangements with friends or family.

Where this isn't successful, young people who require more intensive support will be supported to access supported accommodation.

Pathway 1 Offers support to try to help young people to return home or to find an alternative suitable living arrangement. Young people may be provided with emergency accommodation with a host household for up to two weeks.

Pathway 2 Offers short term supported accommodation where young people have been unable to return home. A Hub assessment will determine what support needs there are and what type of accommodation is most suitable to meet those needs. Types of supported accommodation include Supported Lodgings in a hosts home, accommodation staffed 24/7 or accommodation with visiting support. Minimum stay is 6 months to qualify for move on to local authority letting arrangements, dependant on being ready for resettlement.