

HOW WE SUPPORT

It is a tailored approach and therefore the support undertaken will vary between individuals but all young people referred to Floating Support are assisted to:

- Maintain current accommodation
- Access primary health care services
- Register with a GP
- Access education or training

However we follow the “positive accommodation and support pathway model” which advocates a holistic approach to youth homelessness, addressing a range of needs, as young people transition towards adulthood. Therefore we also aim to assist with:

- Achieving in education
- Employability, mobility, career success and resulting economic independence
- Being healthy, both physically and mentally
- Having positive relationships with peers, family and within local communities
- Involvement in meaningful and enjoyable activities, including volunteering, community involvement, sports and arts groups.

To help with these aims we can refer to other agencies or internally to St Basils Learning, Skills and Work or Youth Engagement teams.



Feedback from young people

“The support is great, you feel like there is someone there, you are never left out in the cold”

“It has helped me realise what I could possibly achieve”

“They have helped me set up my doctors, counsellor and somewhere to live”

“I have had great help and great service, it has helped me become more positive and motivated”

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SUPPORT AT HOME

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICE



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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

We offer a service where we visit young people who have been identified as 'at risk of homelessness' in their own homes, to offer support to help them maintain their tenancy and remain independent.

This service, sometimes also known as 'Floating Support' is available to young people aged 16-25. There are a variety of reasons why a young person may need extra support and therefore we offer a holistic service tailored to each individual's needs to help the young person develop the knowledge and skills they need to ensure they can continue to maintain their current tenancy.

The purpose of this service is both to prevent homelessness and prevent repeat homelessness. It is available to both young people who have been identified as at risk and those who have moved on from supported accommodation and need support to maintain their independence.



ABOUT ST BASILS

St Basils, founded over 40 years ago, is the largest agency working exclusively in the West Midlands with young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

We help over 4000 young people per year with specific services in Birmingham, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall, Worcestershire, the Wyre Forest and Coventry. At any one time we have over 400 young people living in our 27 supported accommodation schemes, which for some young people includes their young children as well. We have a range of prevention, accommodation and support services including extensive Learning, Skills and Work programmes to help young people regain the stability they need to rebuild their lives, gain skills, training and employment and move on successfully.



WHO WE SUPPORT

This service is available to any young person aged 16-25 who has been identified as 'at risk of homelessness' by the local council.

This includes those leaving local authority Care, mothers and babies, pregnant young women, young families and ex-offenders engaged with the Youth Offending Service. The young person does not have to be in receipt of any of St Basils other services to qualify. We visit young people where they are currently living, regardless of whether the young person is living on their own or with friends or family.

Young people aged 16-21 can access support for up to 12 months. Those aged 21-25 for 6 months.



OUR APPROACH

We offer a tailored approach and provide young person centred housing, employment, education and training support that allows them to remain in their homes and progress towards more stable and independent living, with any risks minimized through assessment, management and support.

We can assist with specific tasks that are troubling the young person such as official communications, claiming the right benefits or filling in forms. However our service is not about creating dependency but showing and teaching young people how to do it for themselves.