

OUR APPROACH

We offer a young person centred approach in line with St Basils strategic priority of 'Young people first.'

Their needs guide the support we offer, it is not about us taking control but about empowering the young person to build bridges and gain skills for themselves so that they can bring about positive changes in their own lives.

REFERRALS

Referrals for this service are taken via Coventry City Council. If you are homeless or at risk of homelessness or know someone that is please call 02476 834025 or call St Basils directly on 02476 889571.

Feedback from young people using this service:

"Life Changing...nothing is too much trouble for staff"

Brett, age 21

"Very friendly and helpful"

Chris, age 18

SUPPORTED LODGINGS SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION SERVICE

'Home2Home' is a Supported Lodgings service for vulnerable 16-21 year olds in Coventry.

This service aims to provide a stepping stone to independence for young people who are leaving Care or due to bereavement or abuse are particularly vulnerable. Members of the public in the local community who have a spare room are invited to apply to us to become a "Host." Although there are financial rewards, we are looking for Hosts who really care about and want to help the young person and feel it will be rewarding in other ways. For more information please see: stbasils.org.uk/home2homeandnightstop



EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION THROUGH NIGHTSTOP COVENTRY

The Vision of Nightstop is that 'no young person should sleep in an unsafe place, ever.'

"Hosts" in the local community who have a spare room can help us ensure young people in crisis have somewhere safe to stay. Accommodation is offered on a night by night basis.

Donations needed!

We are in need of donations of new items to support our Nightstop scheme. Financial donations to assist this scheme are also very welcome and can be ring-fenced to the Coventry area if you prefer.

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YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES IN COVENTRY



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ABOUT ST BASILS

St Basils is the largest agency working in the West Midlands with young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Helping over 4000 young people per year across the West Midlands region. We have a range of prevention, accommodation and support services to help young people regain the stability they need to rebuild their lives, gain skills, training and employment and move on, successfully breaking the cycle of homelessness.

SUPPORT SERVICES IN COVENTRY

The services handled by this team include:

- Floating Support provided to young people in any type of accommodation
- Positive Prevention Project
- Floating Support provided to young people in temporary accommodation
- Nightstop
- Supported Lodgings

FLOATING SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN ANY TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION

This service is available to over 18s for six months and under 18s for twelve months.

We can offer support to a young person who is struggling to stay where they are currently living regardless of whether this is their own tenancy or if they are living with other people. We can help with Family Mediation if this is needed to support young people to remain in the parental home as long as this is a safe option for them.

Our Floating Support service is also available to young people moving on from supported accommodation to help prevent repeat homelessness.

POSITIVE PREVENTION PROJECT (PPP)

The Positive Prevention Project is available to young people aged 16-24 who have made a Homeless Application to Coventry City Council, and Coventry City Council believe the young person may have a 'priority need'

The young person is referred to St Basils for assessment including a risk assessment. This is a minimum 2 hour process and will include background checks. The young person will then be placed directly into supported or temporary accommodation. The accommodation is sourced by Coventry City Council but the support is provided by St Basils who are commissioned by the Council to provide this service, see below.

FLOATING SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

This service is for young people who have been assessed by PPP and have been placed into temporary accommodation. We support them to maintain their accommodation and help them prepare for moving into supported accommodation or into their own tenancy.

HOW WE CAN HELP

All of the services offer tailored support to the individuals referred to us so it depends on each individual circumstance what young people will be offered, but the main aim is to help them avoid homelessness and ensure they are supported.

Examples of support we have provided recently include:

- Help with setting up benefits
- Help sourcing copies of ID
- Help with Local Welfare provision applications for setting up a tenancy
- Support to access grants
- Debt negotiation
- Support attending meetings with the Council and other official agencies
- Referrals to other accommodation providers
- Referrals to other local agencies for specialist help or advice
- Referrals to St Basils Life Skills training programme
- Help accessing education, training or employment
- Help sourcing clothes
- Issuing food bank vouchers



PARTNERSHIP WORK

We are proud of our partnership work in the Coventry area.

We work closely with, CDVASS (Coventry Domestic Violence and Support Services), Recovery Partnership, Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Agencies, Youth Offending, Probation, Local and National Charities, Social Care, Local Housing Department, Social Landlords, Supported Accommodation Providers, Health Professionals, Schools, Colleges, Training Providers, Mental Health Services, Counselling Services, Foodbank, Coventry Homefinder.

OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WE SUPPORT

- Drop in, sign-posting services and telephone advice
- Computers for young people in receipt of our services to use to perform job searches or apply for Benefits. We can offer additional support where needed.
- C card distribution, chlamydia testing and free contraception for young people who register with this service
- 24/7 'on call' service for current clients