Youth Justice Accommodation Pathway

Strand 1. Young people in the community: Preventing homelessness and reducing re-offending risk

Early Help

Agencies work together to prevent young people involved in offending behaviour from becoming homeless, and to reduce crisis.

Prevention

Housing Authorities are engaged in multi-agency information sharing and planning to reduce re-offending, and to prevent young people at risk of offending/re-offending from being homeless. Young people know how to access support when they need it

Safeguarding

Young people and families at risk of harm are able to access housing services which minimise risk, and support them to make positive changes to their lives

Strand 2. Young people in custody: Planning for successful resettlement

Start of sentence

Young People and their families are involved in resettlement planning from the outset. Action is taken to protect or surrender a tenancy or license and to minimise debt. Future barriers to accommodation are identified and included within the sentence plan.

Planning for release

Preparations made for young people to live with family where possible and identify any support required. Young People's needs, risks and wishes are assessed. Where no accommodation is available on release timely referrals to be made to a housing authority under the 'duty to refer' several weeks prior to release. Young people who are unable to return home are actively involved in planning for their accommodation and support on release.

Finalise release plans

Accommodation is identified, and a contingency plan prepared. Release plans finalised and support put in place appropriate to young person's age and needs.

Strand 3. Jointly commissioned accommodation and support

Supported Housing

The pathway includes accommodation which can be secured in advance of release, and a range of accommodation and support to meet identified needs

Specialist Services

Young people with complex needs are accommodated within a commissioned pathway

Preparation for Independence

Young people are well prepared to manage their own tenancy and budget before they move on

Strand 4. A range of housing options with resettlement support

Shared and self-contained housing options

Landlords are engaged to provide shared and self-contained housing options affordable to young people

Mixture of tenure types

Young people are able to access social or private rented housing to support their successful rehabilitation

Support to set up and sustain a tenancy

Young people receive move on support to set up a tenancy and know how to access support again if needed to prevent homelessness