

# Homelessness Protocol and supported accommodation

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# Homelessness Protocol

- The Homelessness protocol was agreed with district council housing partners and social care to prevent 16 and 17 years olds being caught between two agencies during times of crisis.
- The protocol has resulted on formal joint assessment arrangements between housing and social care.
- The protocol ensures immediate arrangements for homeless 16-17 years olds whilst assessments are undertaken to ensure each child has a placement/accommodation.
- The protocol supports the transition of 16-17 year olds into their own accommodation as they move onto adulthood.

# Homelessness Protocol Cont'd

- The protocol has been launched and there are local champions identified in each locality to support the process.
- Each Champion represents their service at the joint meeting to ensure that the protocol continues to progress.
- The protocol will be re-launched in November 2017 to ensure the final flow charts and practice standards are well established within each of the localities.
- Clarity regarding the financial and legal responsibilities will be embedded into practice within each locality

# Supported Accommodation

- Supported accommodation placements are sought through the ART (access to resources team) for all older children who have approached LCC and are coming into care or being supported as children in need.
- Supported accommodation placements offer additional support to increase and support resilience, transitional skills and plans into adulthood.
- Supported accommodation placements are located around the County and include third sector providers who are represented at the housing reference group and agreement of the protocol and work flow.

# Supported Accommodation

- Supported accommodation provides accommodation to children looked after, children in need and children in need of accommodation.
- Supported accommodation provides adequate support and intervention to effectively safeguard children.
- Supported accommodation provides support to increase resilience and increased independence skills to enable them to move onto independence as they reach adulthood.

# Block funded Supported Accommodation (previously Supporting People)

Type of Provision	Number of Providers	Number of Beds
Crisis	3	16
Supported accommodation	12	233
Dispersed supported accommodation (with visiting support)	1	85
Supported lodgings	3	36

# Questions

- Any queries or questions in relation to the presentation and information provided.