UASC Emergency bed

Step by Step have 25 years' experience working with Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children within our supported accommodation settings. As a result, we are responding to the current local authority demand by offering an open access Step by Step service dedicated to supporting UASC only.

This is a bespoke package of support for a UASC aged 16 to 21 who requires an emergency supported lodgings bed for up to 15 working nights in a safe and caring home environment with a host family.

Step by Step will work closely with the young person during this period to find out their individual wants and needs for longer term housing provision and then share with the local authority.

There will be an opportunity to move the young person to Supported Lodgings or our Aldershot Foyer if appropriate and agreed by all parties, where the young person can stay on a longer term basis. Our Supported lodgings service currently operates across 6 different counties in the South of England and accommodates up to 220 YP per night.

Our UASC emergency bed placements are in many different locations across the South of England, so please contact us at UASC@stepbystep.org.uk to discuss availability and location required.

Interested in finding out more about our hosts? We have individual host picture profiles that we can share with you following an enquiry.

What will Supported Lodgings will provide?

- A caring home environment with hosts that are specifically UASC trained, approved through panel and enhanced DBS checked
- Own private bedroom for 15 working nights
- Food, toiletries and also emergency clothing and footwear if required
- Shared facilities of kitchen, bathroom, living room, washing machine
- Host to provide 7 - 10 hours support within the home and 2 hours direct support from allocated Step by Step support worker per week.
- Supported with living skills, health, emotional wellbeing, religious and cultural needs and prompting for appointments.
- Step by Step Support worker discovery conversation with the young person and find out history and current needs and risk assessment completed.
- Host 24 hour Step by Step support and guidance
- Missing person protocol and all standard policies and procedures in place for the protection and safety of young people- available on request.

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UASC Emergency bed process flowchart

1
- Local authority Placement Team to contact Step by Step directly at UASC@stepbystep.org.uk between office hours Monday – Friday to find out what hosts are available in which location tonight.

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- Step by Step to forward appropriate matched host profile to Children's services to check it is suitable for the young person. Children's services agree to placement by e-mail.

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- Step by Step email local authority to ask them to complete Step by Step Service Level Agreement and return by email to UASC@stepbystep.org.uk
- upon completion, Step by Step to confirm placement with host and forward host details to the local authority.

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- Referral to be completed by local authority and move in time to the Emergency Placement to be arranged between the host and the referrer directly. This arrangement should be made by phone within 2 hour's and be mindful some hosts work until 5pm

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- On arrival, access to a translator to be provided by Childrens Services to the young person to answer any questions that they may have and go through the basis expectations. Host to complete missing person form and photo request.

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Throughout the Emergency Placement the YP will have access to clean bedding, food and toiletries at all times. They will receive between 7 – 10 hours of support from the host per week depending on their level of need. The host must ensure the YP is made familiar with the local area and amenities available to them.

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If age is accepted as under 18, Step by Step will arrange to assess the young person, (Children's service to provide the translator) to find out their needs for longer term housing provision.

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- The Social worker must ensure that a move on plan has been identified by the 10th working night and then shared with all professionals involved and will attend a move on planning meeting within 7 working nights if accommodation hasn't already been identified

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After 15 working nights the YP must move out from the placement to alternative accommodation. This move out will be completed by the referrer or allocated social worker for the young person.