

Your Journey In Care



When you come into care there are different types of homes that you may move into to live and these are shown along the road below. Sometimes children and young people in care move in with another family and sometimes with other children. Your social worker will listen to you and work in your best interests to keep you safe and find you a happy home.

They will work closely with other professionals to choose the right home for you. Your social worker will regularly come to see how you are and to see how it is working out with your home. Your social worker will explain your journey and the home you are going to. The Coming into Care Guide gives more information.



Secure Accommodation

On very rare occasions children and young people have to be in a 'secure' place to live and this can be a specialist unit or home. This will be only happen if the social worker and other professionals feel this is necessary as the only way to keep a child or young person safe from harm. Your social worker will explain why this option has been chosen for you.



Residential Homes

Residential Homes and Residential Schools are sometimes going to be what is best for you and meet your needs. There are usually other children who would be living in the home with you or within the school which has bedrooms and can be your home if that is what is best for you. Staff members will be working throughout the day and night to look after you. One member of staff in the home will be your 'Keyworker' and will be able to help you and answer your questions. They will work closely with your social worker to make sure your needs are met during your time there. Most Residential Schools are for children and young people who have a special educational need or a disability.



Foster Family

Living with a foster family means being with a family living in their home where they may also have their own children or other children who are in care. The adult carers in the family are known as foster carers and they have a very thorough assessment and training to enable them to become foster carers, and the aim is to match you with a family that best suits you.



Family and Friends

Another home would be living with an extended family member or close friend who has been recommended as a person who would be suitable and wants to take care of you. If this is the best home for you then the social work team will assess this person to make sure that this is somewhere you can live and that the person (Family or friends) is going to be able to look after you properly and keep you safe. This is sometimes called 'Kinship' care.



Going back to live With your Family

Sometimes your social worker will decide that it is in your best interests for you to go back to where you were living before coming into to care. This would depend on it being safe for you to return and that your needs will be met once you have returned.

Children First
Northamptonshire

The new name for Children, Families and Education.
Please make a note of my new email address.



Northamptonshire
County Council

Developed by



"From The People That Understand"