

Young People's Supported Accommodation Service

YPSA Eligibility Criteria and Referral Process

1. Eligibility Criteria for YPSA Services

YPSA services are designed for vulnerable young people aged from 16 up to 24 years old, facing one or more of the following issues:

- Separation and loss from no longer being able to remain with their family
- A range of historical experiences which include but is not limited to:
 - Victim of and/or witness to trauma, abuse or neglect
 - Family breakdown
 - Parental drug and alcohol issues
 - Parental mental health or disability issues
- Challenging behaviours which have developed from their experiences
- Multiple needs including but not limited to:
 - Drug and alcohol issues
 - Anger management issues
 - Low self-esteem
 - Self-harm
 - Mental health (either diagnosed or undiagnosed)
 - Learning disability¹ (either diagnosed or undiagnosed)
 - Domestic abuse issues
 - Offending issues
 - Financial
 - Child exploitation issues

The YPSA services will accommodate young people in our care as well as vulnerable young people who are assessed as requiring YPSA services, due to complexity of needs/family breakdown resulting in risk of homelessness. It is recognised that there may be young people that may display/have a set of specialist needs which cannot be catered for within the YPSA and alternative accommodation options and support will need to be considered.

The young person's support needs will be assessed on a case by case basis. Consideration will be given to the capacity to meet the needs of the young person within the YPSA framework of support.

¹ Including Asperger's and Autism

2. Referring a Young Person for YPSA Services

2.1 Exploration of alternative housing options and Family Group Conference/Family Mediation

Prior to a referral into the YPSA service for a bed, there is the expectation that all alternative housing options have been explored and that young people and their families will have been offered a family group conference (FGC)/ family mediation (where appropriate). If this hasn't been explored, then the referrer will be asked to explore alternative housing options (if this cannot be demonstrated) and complete a referral form to the family group conference service (if this hasn't been offered previously) and directed to the YPSA webpage to access the relevant forms.

For a referral into an e-bed, an FGC/family mediation will be explored (where appropriate) if it hasn't already by professionals once they enter the e-bed.

2.1 Who can Refer?

YPSA referrals will be made by professionals working within statutory agencies including:

- Children and adult's social care
- District Council Housing Teams
- Youth Offending service and Probation
- Adult Mental Health and learning disabilities teams
- Health

There needs to be a lead professional identified from the referring organisation to act as the key contact and be part of the 'team around the young person' which is the multi-agency approach that will be used by the YPSA to achieve the desired outcomes with the young person. Where there is a young person referred from social care teams, then there needs to be a named worker (not a duty worker) identified as the lead professional.

2.2 Referral Process

A form needs completing for a young person to access the service. The forms are available at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/yypsa or on LCS for OCC officers.

Referrals from OCC officers once completed on LCS will come through to the Brokerage team LCS in-tray. Hard copy completed forms should be sent to the Brokerage team for processing (see appendix 1 for flowchart of process)
placementserviceadmin@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Placements into the YPSA will only be made during Brokerage team office hours²:

- Monday – Thursday 08:30 – 17:00
- Friday 08:30 – 16:00

2.2.1 Referral for an Emergency Bed (emergency placement)

If an emergency bed³ (e-bed) is required, then an emergency referral form needs to be completed and sent to the Brokerage team for processing. If it is evidenced that the young person cannot return to suitable and safe accommodation outside of the YPSA service, then a non-emergency assessment and referral form will also need completing by the social worker/lead professional if the young person requires a long term bed.

2.2.2 Referral for a General Bed (planned placement)

If the placement is for a general bed, then a non-emergency assessment and referral form needs to be completed.

2.2.3 Newly Arriving Unaccompanied Young People

If a young person is a newly arriving unaccompanied young person, then the Police Migrant Welfare Check should be completed, with the non-emergency referral and assessment form completed thereafter at the earliest opportunity by the social worker.

3. YPSA Services

Service Package no. and name	Age of YP supported	Provider delivering this service	Emergency beds available	Non-emergency beds	Type of accommodation
Service Package 1	16- and 17-year-old	OCC	4	64	Shared- max of 4 YP living together
Service Package 2	16- and 17-year-old newly arriving unaccompanied YP welcome assessment houses	OCC	12 in total		Shared- max of 4 YP living together- only stay for up to 4 months and then move into SP1
Service Package 3	Move On Homes	OCC	No	8	Shared- max of 4 YP living together- only stay for up to 9 months and then move into another service...

² The only exception is for newly arriving unaccompanied young people into the welcome assessment houses which will be made by EDT in conjunction with the in-house YPSA team.

³ Young people should not remain in an e-bed for more than 2 weeks.



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					package if required
Service Package 4	Supported Lodgings	OCC in conjunction with supports lodgings hosts	No	Up to 25	Shared- family environment
Service Package 5	18-24 shared accommodation	Response in conjunction with Oxfordshire Youth	3	116	Shared- maximum of four YP living together
Service Package 6	18-24 years single self-contained accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherwell-Key2 • City- Key2 • West-Stonewater • Vale-Stonewater • South-Connections Support 	0	28	Single self-contained accommodation
Service Package 7	16-24 years Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherwell-Sanctuary • City-A2Dominion • West- A2 Dominion • Vale-Stonewater • South-A2Dominion 	0	40	Shared accommodation
Service Package 8	16- 24 years Out of County	Connections Support	0	Up to 10 beds	Shared and some single self- contained accommodation
Service Package 9	18 -24 years	Home Group	0	11	Shared accommodation

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Appendix 1- Brokerage Team Process flow chart

