

Housing

As you are beginning to plan your life as a young adult, you may be beginning to think about living more independently. You may be thinking about moving into your own tenancy. Although this may sound very difficult, lots of young people do this. If you would need support to manage a tenancy, there is support available. Although this may not be something that you are thinking about now, it is important to let Housing Services know about you and your needs at an early stage– this is because it may take a long time to find a property that will be suitable for you. If Housing Services are made aware early, they can start to source an appropriate tenancy, or look to custom build a home that will meet needs if they are particularly complex. Your social worker can support you to fill in a housing application – this does not commit you to anything, but it leaves options open.

You can find out more about Housing support options here:

www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20364

If you are between 16 and 26 years old, Barnardo's Youth Housing Service can provide support. This is funded by Housing and Social

work, and referrals are made by North Lanarkshire Council Housing Services.

The service helps young people towards becoming confident independent tenants through a mixture of individual and group work and referrals to other agencies.

Some of the key goals young people work towards are:

- Gaining and sustaining a tenancy
- Decorating furnishing and making a house a home
- Understanding their budget, debt management and how to make best use of a limited income
- Managing relationships including family friends and the use of social media.

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If you have a disability and have been assessed as in need of long-term support to live independently, social work can work with you

to arrange for the support which you need. This self-directed support will be based upon your needs and agreed outcomes and will be planned together with you. If you have complex support needs but are planning to live more independently from your family in your own home, your social worker and the Housing Services can work together to provide you with the support and house which is right for you.

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