

What Makes The Difference? TOOLS and RESOURCES

NAME OF TOOL/RESOURCE:
Bed and Breakfast Protocol

NAME AND REGION OF AGENCY/ORGANISATION THAT DEVELOPED THIS TOOL/RESOURCE: Middlesbrough Borough Council

Purpose and Brief Description of Tool/Resource:

Protocol setting out the circumstances in which bed and breakfast accommodation may be used for young people; and the procedure to be followed.

Publication Date: Not known

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Evidence for the effectiveness/ impact of this tool/resource

Positive impact of this tool/resource:

1. Not known.
2. Protection of young people's safety and wellbeing is the paramount consideration in this tool.
3. It's a clear and comprehensive document.



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BED & BREAKFAST PROTOCOL

- A request for Bed and Breakfast for a young person must only be made when all possibility of supporting them within appropriate family, friends and alternative accommodation has been tried and exhausted.
- When Bed & Breakfast accommodation is being considered the Worker must discuss the options with the Team Manager/Senior Practitioner.
- The Team Manager/Senior Practitioner will make a decision regarding the suitability of placing a young person in Bed & Breakfast.
- **All Bed and Breakfast placements must be approved by the Leaving Care Team Manager.**
- Only Bed & Breakfasts which have been checked and approved by the Project as compliant with Fitness Standard, 1989 Local Government and Housing Act Section 604 and 352 can be used.
- When a Bed & Breakfast placement is going ahead the Worker making the placement must check and update if necessary the relevant risk assessment, taking into account risks which may be present from other residents and risks arising from the change of placement.
- The young person must be accompanied to the Bed & Breakfast and the accommodation must be checked to ensure that it is to an acceptable standard.
- Provide landlord with copy of the guidance and letter advising of payments & housing benefits re: young people 18yrs +
- Contact must be made with the young person the next working day following the placement.
- A support package for the placement must be drawn up to meet the young person's immediate needs; this must include the frequency of visits to be undertaken and must be signed by a Manager.
(Appendix 1)
- The placement and plan must be reviewed frequently and the young person must be moved to more suitable accommodation as soon as possible.

