



The Benjamin Foundation

Moving on?
Need some
support?

Transitions are tricky; whether it's starting college or a new job or meeting different people.

The first step into living independently can be the hardest transition of all, and being able to secure, afford and sustain a tenancy can be a challenge for some young people.

We can help young people to overcome these hurdles.

The Benjamin Foundation can connect young people in need of some support to our dedicated Tenancy Support Workers to provide the right level of support before and after their move. We can help them to:

- PARTICIPATE in a Tenancy Course and gain AQA (Assessment Qualifications Alliance) awards in relevant life skills topics to help ensure they are fully prepared
- ACCESS the Rent Deposit Scheme to overcome barriers, such as traditional cash deposits, to the private rental sector.
- SET UP bills and budget
- SIGNPOST to other services and help them get to know their local area
- MANAGE and maintain their new home
- UNDERSTAND their tenancy – including rights and responsibilities

We can even help them to access £150 towards essential move on items for their new home!

The typical barriers facing young people trying to transition to independent living are:

- The availability and affordability of housing
- The costs of renting alongside paying for utilities and food
- Eligibility for social and private sector rental
- The legal obligations a tenancy entails
- Knowledge of the benefits system
- Knowledge of private and social rented sector, especially how to source housing
- The responsibilities associated with a tenancy
- Building links and support networks within local communities
- Reluctance from some private sector landlords to accommodate young people or accept benefit payments
- Anxiety around leaving a supportive setting and taking a step back with progress made



The Benjamin Foundation's new Tenancy Support Service extends the ladder of support provided, enabling young people to make the transition and sustain upward progress towards fully independent living.

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