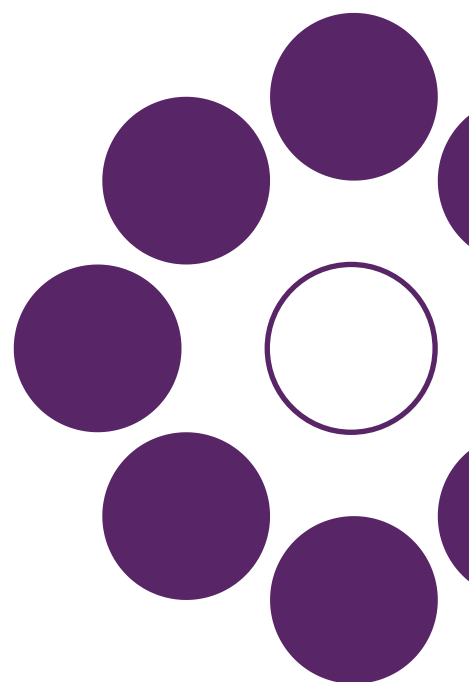


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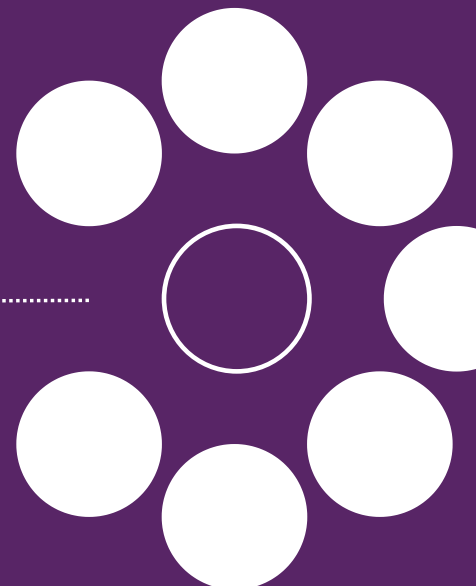
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Based in Somerset, we provide semi-independent accommodation and support for up to 3 young people in our home. Our mission is to create a safe and nurturing shared home environment for young people aged 16 to 17 ensuring they have access to the support and guidance they need, with the goal of preparing them for independent living once they turn 18.

Our home is classed as 'category 2' by Ofsted which means - Supported accommodation in a shared living situation, in premises used to accommodate only looked after children and care leavers.

Our Home – you will find photos and a video walk through on our website www.didsouthwest.org.uk



Bridgwater

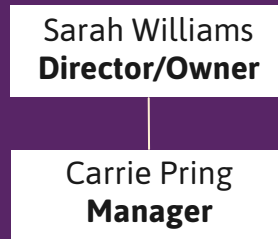


Our Bridgwater home has a close bus stop where you can take a bus for the 5-minute drive in to town. There is a convenience shop just around the corner. You can take a bus, or walk to the Bridgwater campus of Bridgwater and Taunton College from there, taking a further 10 mins. As we are a little way out of town, we recommend having a bicycle to get you around. Cycling to college takes around 15 mins and town about 10 mins. Young people often order their groceries online to be delivered, you can be supported to do this. Bridgwater has many employment, sport and socialising opportunities.

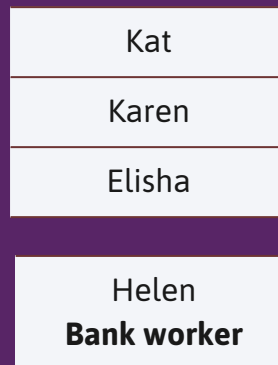
We have 3 bedrooms for young people, 2 upstairs and 1 on the ground floor, with a shared bathroom upstairs. The team have their own bedroom and bathroom. The living area is cosy and warm, it feels like a family home that you share with up to 2 other young people. There is plenty of space to cook in the kitchen and you will have your own cupboard and fridge freezer space. The lounge and dining area provides seating and a TV which we encourage you to use, it is a good space to feel connected to the other people in the house and have a catch up, watch TV or play games.

The Team

MAP OF THE ORGANISATION



Youth Independence Mentors



BUSINESS OPERATIONS

SECURITY

We use CCTV to monitor the entrances and exits, this is so that we can be sure if you are on the premises or not. We do not use CCTV for surveillance.

OUR TEAM

We have a small team which means we have 3 youth independence mentors working at our home, full time on a rota basis. They work alone for a 24.5-hour shift, then hand over to the next team member at 10:00 am. A copy of the rota is displayed so that you know who is on shift. When they are on holiday their shifts may be covered by our bank worker.

OUR MANAGER

Carrie manages the team in our home, so you will see her in the house on a regular basis. Her role is to support the youth independence mentors. She may attend professional's meetings with you and she will be keen to hear about your experience with us to ensure you are getting all the support you need.

OUR DIRECTOR

Sarah manages the business and Carrie reports direct to her. Her role is to ensure the whole service is providing the right support in the right way.

Our Offer

DiDs offer a homely environment that provides a level of independence while still offering support and supervision. This living arrangement is designed for adolescents of any sex who may be transitioning from more structured living environments, such as foster care or group homes, to greater independence.

Our young people have the freedom to come and go as they please between the hours of 07:30 and 23:00 which is part of their independence and social skills learning.

SUPERVISED INDEPENDENCE

While adolescents in semi-independent living have more autonomy than in traditional care settings, there is still a level of supervision and support. A weekly 121 meeting is held with each young person, an opportunity to give and receive feedback.

INDEPENDENCE SKILLS PROGRAMME

We offer a bespoke skills programme covering all aspects of independence skills including budgeting, cooking, time management, and navigating public transportation to name a few. Each young person will have the opportunity to show us the skills they already have and focus on the areas they need more support with.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Assistance in continuing education, vocational training, or finding employment opportunities.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Having our Youth Independence Mentors on site 24/7 means that we are able to support whenever our young people need it. A listening ear is sometimes enough, if not then we will sign post to other services that may be help.

TRANSITION PLANNING

We work with the young person and their professional support network to develop a plan for the future, including considerations for further education, vocational training, or securing stable housing when the time comes.

MULTI-AGENCY WORK

We work with the network of people around the young person. A weekly summary report of their week will be sent to all parties identified in the pre planning placement stage. Any significant events will be reported immediately.

CONTINUING SUPPORT

We have created a website that our young people will have lifetime access to. This includes details of their entitlements as a looked after child, useful links to external support and information and more details on how our service works.

COMPLAINTS AND FEEDBACK

Every young person will be shown how they can make a complaint or provide feedback via our website. Anyone can use this process and their complaint will be dealt with as per our complaints policy.

POLICIES

Should you require more information or a copy of our policies please email info@didsouthwest.org.uk or use our 'contact us' button on the website www.didsouthwest.org.uk

To make a referral please get in touch by email to referrals@didsouthwest.org.uk

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