

Care Leavers



	Referral	Assessment	Personal Housing Plan	Outcomes
Activities	<p>A care leaver who is threatened with homelessness either self-refers to Housing Needs or is referred through Suffolk County Council Leaving Care Services dutytorefer@eastssuffolk.gov.uk or through our website</p> <p>https://live.housingjigsaw.co.uk/alert/duty-to-refer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An assessment is carried out by Housing Needs / based on the information provided from the referral- this includes a needs and risk assessment if support needs have been identified Following this assessment, the client will be introduced to the Personal Housing Plan (PHP) Place in Emergency if Homeless 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the client has med/high support need, they will be referred to a number of support providers by the Housing Needs Team. If the client has no/low support need, they will be referred to the Housing Needs (Solutions) Officer . Clients will also be referred to other support agencies to meet other needs identified that are non-housing related Example here 	<p>Clients with med/high support needs have the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported accommodation Social housing nomination* Return home <p>Clients with no/low support needs have the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent accommodation Social housing nomination* Return home <p>* Care leavers may receive priority banding under the allocations policy</p>
Who is involved	<p>Leaving Care Team Suffolk County Council Transitions Panel</p>	<p>Housing Needs Team To work on PHP and co produce with young person and SCC</p>	<p>If the client has med/high support needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social care Housing Needs Options and support partners <p>If the client has med/high support needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HRS and Other voluntary sector accommodation finding services Beaconsfield Avenue Mansions Solo Lodgings Scheme Private Rented Access Scheme Financial Inclusion Team Other single people initiatives Social care Visiting Officer 	
	Housing Solutions internal teams	External partners	Internal teams & external partners	

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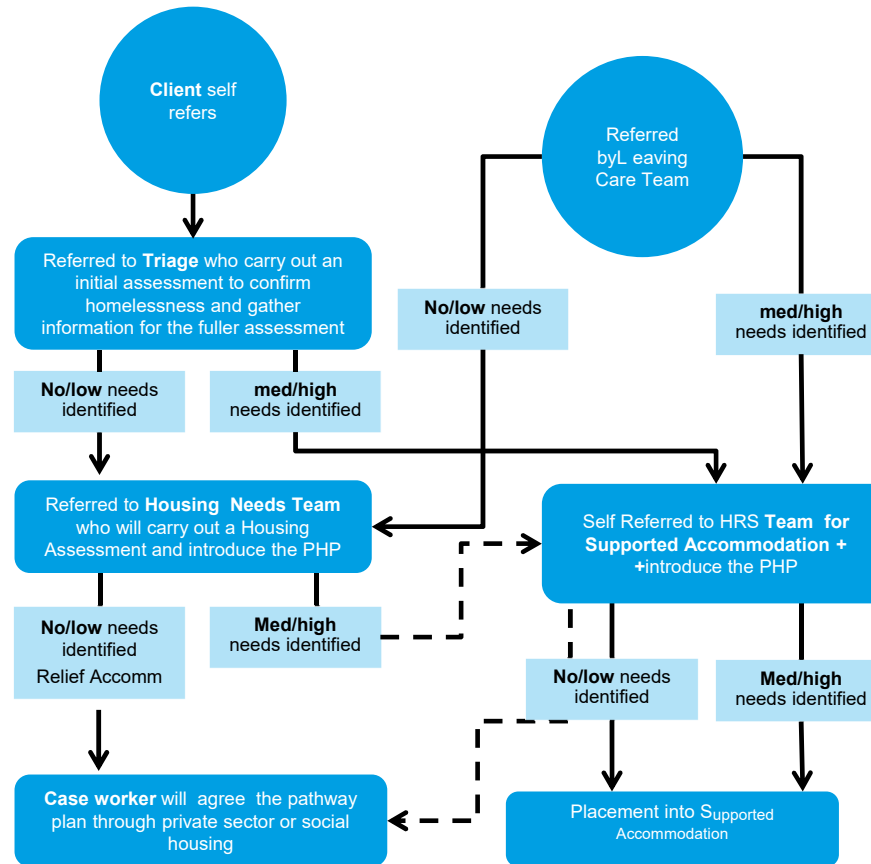
Most young people who have been in care are entitled to housing assistance if they become homeless. The type of advice and assistance they are offered is dependant on their age and personal circumstances.

The Council's Children's Services team is responsible for finding care leavers somewhere to live until they turn 18. If a care leaver is 18 – 20 years old and is homeless or threatened with homelessness Housing Needs provide support and assistance with their housing options.

Housing Needs will undertake a detailed housing needs assessment of all customers who present for assistance or referred in by other agencies. A personalized housing plan will be drawn up confirming any advice given, how the Council will assist the customer and what the customer needs to do to help themselves.

If the young person has support needs and little or no independent living skills, it is likely that they will be referred to supported accommodation specifically for young people to acquire the skills required to live in independent accommodation in the future.

Care Leavers with complex needs / or repeated homelessness will require a tailored multi-agency approach based sustainable options.



* If the Housing Assessment has been previously filled out by a case worker, Gateway Support will not fill out another
 + The Prevention Hub services clients are referred to, are dependent on their needs