**Living Together Agreement**

The purpose of this agreement is to:

* Make living together as a family, as happy, safe and positive for everyone;
* Let you know what support you can expect from your Staying Put carer;
* Make clear the expectations that will be placed on you whilst you live in a Staying Put family; and
* Identify areas of support that will assist you to prepare for living independently at a time when you are ready to move on to live in your own tenancy.

**Section 1 - Carer Details**

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| Name of Carer(s): |
| Address: |
| Telephone Number:  Mobile Number:  Email Address |

**Section 2 - Young Person Details**

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| Name of Young Person: |
| Date of Birth: |
| Telephone Number:  Mobile Number:  Email Address |

**Section 3 - Young Person’s Adviser / Fostering Officer**

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| Name: | |
| Telephone Number:  Mobile Number:  Email Address | |
| Date Staying Put arrangement Agreed: | Date arrangement to start on: |
| This agreement is made between the Staying Put carer (as detailed in Section 1) and the young person (as detailed in Section 2).  It allows you to stay at the address as detailed in Section 1 and sets out what will be expected of you and what you can expect.  ………………………………. (young person) income will be £……………….per week.  Rent is £……………………….per week.  After assessment by Children’s Social Care …………………………………. (young person) contribution to their carer will be £…………………………. per week.  This is your contribution to the household expenses including utilities. This amount  will be reviewed on a regular basis. Please keep all wage slips as these are  needed to assess your contribution. Any increase or decrease in wages needs to  be brought to the attention of your Personal Adviser ..……………………………  (Personal Advisers name).………………………………….(name of young person)  agrees to pay rent regularly and on time. | |
| **Ending the arrangement:**  If you want to move out of ……………………………………………………… (address), you must let your carer and Personal Adviser know at least 28 days before you want to move. The carer can also end the ‘Staying Put’ Arrangement at any time by giving 28 days’ notice. This could be because you do not pay your rent to the carer and / or because you do not follow the conditions and expectation as outlined below.  Any form of violent, threatening or abusive behaviour from either the young person or the carer is unacceptable and may lead to the immediate termination of the Staying Put arrangement. | |
| **Conditions and Expectations:**  **What to expect from your carer**   1. I will have a bedroom to myself, although it may be necessary to change bedroom from time to time. Any changes to bedrooms will be kept to a minimum. 2. I will have access to all facilities of the home, inclusive of kitchen and laundry facilities. 3. I will have a front door key, when considered safe and appropriate.  |  | | --- | | Discussion: |  1. All food will be provided. Meals will sometimes be cooked for me. 2. I will be treated with consideration and respect at all times. 3. I will receive advice and support that will enable me to continue developing independent living skills. 4. I will live in a safe, secure and supportive environment. 5. My privacy will be respected at all times. My carer will not enter my bedroom without informing me first, unless at any time my carer is worried about my safety, then they have the right to enter my bedroom to check on my welfare. My carer will not interfere with my private possessions. 6. My carer will not interfere with my private possessions, unless at any time they are worried about my safety. 7. I will be supported by my carer to access education, employment or training.   **What your carer expects from you**   1. To be treated with consideration and respect at all times. To consider and respect other household members and to respect the surrounds that you live in. 2. To respect their privacy at all times. I will not enter other people’s bedrooms, other than my room, without the permission of my carer.  |  | | --- | | Discussion: |  1. I will be expected to prepare or help with preparing meals. 2. I will help with housework around the house and keep my bedroom tidy. 3. I will buy my own personal toiletries. 4. I must use the support which my Pathway Plan says I need. 5. I will pay for any loss or damage to my own furniture or belongings and I will let my carer know if anything is broken or needs mending. 6. I will ask my carer first if I want to keep a pet. I understand that my carer will have the final decision. 7. I will not use or keep illegal substances in the property. 8. I will not smoke in the property and I will discuss and agree my use of alcohol within the home with my carer.  |  | | --- | | 1. Discussion: |  1. I will discuss with my carer visiting arrangements for my friends and family to the property. I understand that my carer will have the final decision. 2. I will discuss with my carer the opportunity of having friends staying overnight at the property. I understand that my carer will have the final decision. 3. I will access education, employment or training as outlined in my Pathway Plan.   **Young Person / Carer**   * I have read and understand what is expected of me. * I agree to do all the things that are set out in the expectations. | |
| Additional conditions / expectations requested by the young person / carer are outlined below: | |

By this agreement ................................................................................ (carer) permits

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Signed: ...................................................... (young person) Date: ........................

Signed: ...................................................... (carer) Date: .......................