

## Appendix L: Information on Retainer Payments

### Information for Staying Put Providers (SPP) with young people at University/Army basic training or on retainer rate for any other reason.

#### Staying in alternative accommodation during term time

- Whilst the young person is living away a weekly retainer rate of £50 will be paid directly to the SPP;
- When the young person returns for a period of **7 days** or longer then the full weekly support costs (£227.90 accredited £137.48 pre-accredited) will be paid to the SPP by NYCC;
- If the young person returns for a period shorter than 7 days then a pro rata amount should be negotiated between the provider and young person;
- On returning to the Staying Put address during holidays etc. the young person is liable for the weekly rent (£60) and contributions (£20). Total **£80.00**.

This is the suggested maximum financial responsibilities to the SPP from the young person;

- As a student in Higher Education they will be unable to claim for support with rent costs under Universal Credit. The cost of rent and contributions can be covered by their bursary or earnings;
- It is the responsibility of the SPP to inform the Staying Put Co-ordinator or Leaving Care Case Worker of the dates when the young person returns for eligible periods so payments can be adjusted;
- We understand that the young person movements can change during the holidays, and return dates can alter at the last minute. Please note that any overpayments will be reclaimed by finance.

#### **Remaining in the Staying Put Arrangement**

- Continued full support costs paid to the SPP (£227.90 accredited £137.48 pre-accredited);
- The young person is liable for the weekly rent (£60) and contributions (£20). Total **£80.00**;

This is the suggested maximum financial responsibilities to the SPP from the young person;

- As a student in Higher Education they will be unable to claim for support with rent costs under Universal Credit. The cost of rent and contributions can be covered by their bursary or earnings.