

## Staying Put Overview

### Staying Put (SP)

Residence	Availability	Payment	Monitoring	Authority
<p>Full time</p> <p>Host provides room, heating, lighting, supports increasing independence</p> <p>Host and young adult to discuss expectations in advance e.g. purchase of food, friends etc. Living Together agreement recommended</p>	<p>To</p> <p>21 Or</p> <p>Until end of Higher Education course started pre-21 years)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>If young adult moves on prior to 21</p> <p>Where young people go to University <b>and do not commute</b>, a Staying Put arrangement ends, unless an 'exception' is agreed.</p>	<p>£199 paid direct from Nottingham City Council to Host each Friday</p> <p>Additional contribution from young adult and what this includes, is decided between both parties (e.g. £30 per week), to help the young adult get in the habit of contributing towards household costs.</p> <p>Host and young adult should discuss whether young adult's contribution can be deferred from 18th birthday, until any backdated Universal Credit payment is received.</p> <p>Young adult receiving no other income may receive £30 per week from Leaving Care Service from 18 until any Universal Credit is paid (at Team Managers discretion)</p>	<p>At Pathway Plan Reviews</p>	<p>There should be a presumption that SP can go ahead if:</p> <p>The carer, young person and Social Worker agree</p> <p>and</p> <p>This is the young person's plan, as agreed in their Review</p>

		<p>Young adult can claim Universal Credit Housing Costs (not if they are at University.) Rent book and tenancy agreement required. Amount will vary according to area. Carer should seek independent tax advice.</p> <p><b>Where young adult commutes to/from University, using SP address as their main address, 31 weeks</b> of Academic Year: Young person pays hall rate (up to £150 per week) direct to SP Host when receive finance Sept/Jan/April. Nottingham City Council top up to SP rate, paid to Host. <b>21 weeks:</b> Nottingham City Council pay full SP rate direct to Host (in lieu of non term time rent to young person)</p>		
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## 'Exceptions' rule

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<p>Young adult returns to SP Host at weekends</p> <p>Host provides room, heating, lighting, supports increasing independence</p> <p>Living Together agreement recommended</p>	<p><b>First year of Higher Education/Armed Forces training only</b></p> <p>Can be considered where it is identified a young adult has <b>additional needs or vulnerabilities</b> and would benefit from this arrangement</p> <p>Ends at start of second year of Higher Education/Armed Forces training</p>	<p>Host paid at daily rate 3/7ths of the weekly rate (Currently £85.28 per week)</p> <p>Where it is agreed a young adult returns to SP arrangement for Summer holidays, Nottingham City Council will pay full SP rate direct to carer for period between 8-14 weeks depending upon accommodation contract (instead of non-term time rent to young adult.)</p> <p>Should it be agreed between young person and host that they return for Easter/Christmas, any financial payment above the £85.28 4 per week is a matter for the young person and host.</p>	<p>Monthly by Personal Advisor, young adult and carer</p> <p>At Pathway Plan Reviews</p> <p>If young adult is not using provision as planned, a discussion will take place between the Senior Personal Advisor/the young person and carer, about the appropriateness of continuing this arrangement</p>	<p>The Senior Personal Advisor will consider on a 'case by case' basis</p>

**Useful resource:**

**Benefits Calculator – ‘entitledto’ - independent | accurate | reliable [www.entitledto.co.uk](http://www.entitledto.co.uk)**

**Overview of University support for Care Leavers**

- **£2,000 Bursary paid over 3 years (Nottingham City Council)**
- **£36 per week Living Allowance (Nottingham City Council)**
- **Non Term Time rent is paid direct to the young adult (or SP Host by agreement), to pay for their choice of accommodation, up to £150 per week for a maximum of 21 weeks (Nottingham City Council)**
- **Tuition Fees are paid direct to the University by Student Finance (this is a loan)**
- **Maintenance Loan (Care Leavers classed as Independent), approximately £9,000 per year**
- **Term time rent is paid by the young adult using Student Finance in 3 payments (Sept/Oct, Jan, April)**
- **Propel website (Who Cares Trust) details individual University offers for Care Leavers**

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