

Criteria for Admissions

We will offer a placement to a young person if, after reading the reports, we genuinely believe we can provide a safe, caring environment for that person and that we can address, with some success, their needs.

If we believed we couldn't appropriately meet the needs of the young person, we would never offer a placement and give the placing authority clear reasons to why we felt unable to do so.

Planned Admissions

When a referral is made to Nurtured Future Living Ltd and there is a placement available we may need to request further information, this will be done by the Registered Manager, via the social worker of the placing authority.

1. Young person's social worker is contacted to arrange a pre-admission meeting and to ensure that all appropriate information regarding the young person is forwarded to Nurtured Future Living Ltd. This information should include educational reports, psychological assessments, social history, court proceedings and present situation regarding the young person.
2. If required a manager and staff member from Nurtured Future Living will visit the young person at their present abode to discuss the possibility of a placement and to answer any questions the young person might wish to ask.
3. The social worker should be invited to visit the house, before admission, to ensure the placement and environment is suitable in meeting the young person's needs.
4. The young person should have the opportunity to visit the placement before admission to meet the staff group and ask any questions regarding his/her placement with us.
5. A pre-admission meeting will be held between the Placing Authority and Nurtured Future Living Ltd to discuss an initial "Care Plan" for the young person and an agreement reached regarding the placement's desired outcomes.
6. Nurtured Future Living Ltd will submit to the placing authority a copy of their "Service Agreement" which sets out the terms and conditions of service provision.

Emergency Admissions

In the event of an emergency admission where there is not time to follow standard admission procedures, Nurtured Future Living Ltd will endeavour to work in partnership with the placing authority to ensure that the young person is removed from their point of crisis and re-housed with us in as short a time as possible.

For an emergency procedure placement to be successful it is important that the manager and staff at “Bluebell House” are given **full** details regarding the young person’s present situation and background so that a professional and proper decision can be made regarding the feasibility of a placement.

On receipt of the referral, managers at Nurtured Future Living Ltd will meet to discuss if they believe the needs and care of the young person can be successfully met. An answer will be given to the authority within three working hours.

If Nurtured Future Living Ltd agrees to take the emergency placement, then a “Placement Agreement” confirming placement, fees and initially how long the young person will be in our care will be sent to the placing authority.

On return of this signed “Placement Agreement” Nurtured Future Living Ltd will:

- Ensure staffing is in place and accommodation is ready to receive the young person.
- Will collect the young person from any destination in the UK and support them back to placement.

On arrival at a Nurtured Future Living placement the young person will be allowed to settle and made to feel at home. He/she will be allocated a key worker who will be responsible for explaining the basic rules and routines of the house, expectations staff will have of the young person and what the young person can expect from the staff. A Young Person’s Booklet / Guide is given to the young person that explains much of the information he/she will need to know during their stay.

During the first 48 hours emphasis is placed on allowing the young person to settle, find their bearings and getting to know the staff that will be working with them. This is a crucial time, and every effort is made to create an atmosphere where the young person is made to feel safe, cared for and wanted.

If a young person comes to the home as an emergency placement a placement review meeting will be held within 72 hours.