

Preventing youth homelessness

 Knightstone



Who we are

Knightstone is part of a partnership called P2i (Pathways to Independence). The P2i service offers support for homeless and vulnerable young people aged between 16 and 24. The service offers family mediation, housing advice, emergency accommodation, supported housing, floating support and sign posting to other services.

P2i works with Somerset County Council, five District Councils and four major housing providers in Somerset, including Knightstone, to provide a range of services in local P2i 'hubs'.

Our shared goal is to enable young people to live independently but to be here when they need a helping hand.

We don't want to see young people on the streets, sofa surfing, or living in an unsafe home. We want to provide them with a safe place to stay in the short term if needed and help them to plan and achieve their own personal goals for their futures. We ask them to tell us what they want for the future, whether it's their own place, a regular job or even just help with budgeting. We support them as they take steps to achieve these goals.

Host families

One of the services offered through P2i is emergency host family accommodation.

A young person is given safe accommodation for a short period in the home of an approved host volunteer or family who provides a room for the night, a meal and access to wash facilities.

To offer this invaluable service, we need hosts. Do you have a spare room that you could offer to a young person for a night or two?

Becoming a host is more than just offering a room, it's making a difference

A host is a special person who can offer a safe, supportive environment in their home on a temporary basis for one to seven nights.

We consult with our hosts and take their needs into account when placing a young person in their home. We deliver a full induction package and support them the whole time a young person is staying with them.

A stay with a host gives us some time to arrange mediation between family members, or find the young person a more permanent place to stay.

Our hosts aren't out of pocket and have helped a young person by giving them a break from their current situation and space to plan for a more positive future. Is this for you?

If you're interested in becoming a host or want to find out more about the service, please get in touch:
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