



Staying Put Arrangement Flowchart:

- If the Staying Put carer wishes to end to SP arrangement, at least 3 months notice is required in order for the YP to be able to transition to alternative living arrangements.
- If a SP arrangement breaks down such that transition notice is not viable, then a SP stability meeting should be held to attempt to stabilise the arrangement. Following any irreparable breakdown in an SP arrangement as SPA disruption meeting should be held to ensure any learning identified for future Staying Put Arrangements.

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- Begin discussions with Young Person and foster carer about the possibility of a Staying Put Arrangement when it is appropriate for the child/young person. This will be dependent on their individual circumstances.
- These discussions must begin no later than 15 and a half. In many cases these discussions will start earlier.
- Supervising Social Worker to speak to Foster Carer regarding the possibility of a Staying Put Arrangement, including the potential financial implications. This should form part of the foster carers annual reviews from the age of 14.
- LAC review should highlight what is required in order to establish a Staying Put Arrangement including an action to agree SPA financial support with foster carers so that they know if they will be able to offer SPA or not.

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- First LAC review post-16 confirm whether a Staying Put Arrangement is a viable option.
- If a Staying Put Arrangement is not a viable option the LAC review to confirm what the viable 18 plus options.
- Financial Agreement Meeting to be held between the foster carer and the LA (CSW,SSW (if in house) and resources team (if required)) and to be agreed via resources panel for the first 12 months. **This needs to be finalised before 17th birthday.**

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- Living Together Agreement meeting to be held to be discussed and agreed between YP and the foster carer supported by the SW/PA and the SSW
- Living Together Agreement should be finalised a minimum of three months prior to the Young Person's 18th Birthday.
- If the foster carer is continuing to foster, DBS of the young person to be completed 3 months before 18th birthday to be progressed by the SSW as part of fostering household checks.
- SP carer support worker to be allocated by CBC fostering team 3 months before 18th birthday if no ongoing CBC SSW involvement

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- First review of Living Together Agreement to take place within 3 months of young person turning 18, and a minimum of 6 monthly thereafter. However, these can be earlier if necessary. Meetings to be chaired by Young Person or a person of their choice; to include YP, SP carers, PA and the SP carer support worker.
- As part of the pathway plan review YP and PA to review if the SPA is the right thing for the YP and to consider if the YP wishes for this to be extended beyond the initial 12 months.
- SP carer to confirm if they are able to continue to offer the SPA. If yes, PA to return to resources panel to seek ongoing agreement to SPA financial agreement for a further 12 months.
- SP carer support worker to ensure that annual Health and Safety checks are completed. As a minimum this should comply with landlord and tenant/licensee requirements.
- SP carer support worker to ensure that the Staying Put Carer continues to receive support and opportunities to attend appropriate training/access guidance in relation to their role as a SP carer
- If the young person wishes to end the SP arrangement they will discuss with their PA to work out their next move. PA will support with exploration of options and progression of plan