

## Supporting Statement

98 Cecil Road, DA11 7DG

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Our 16/17 years non-ringfence supported accommodation is designed for young people who do not require formal care but need support to develop independent living skills.

The focus is on:

- Encouraging independence – Helping them manage finances, cooking, cleaning, and daily tasks.
- Providing emotional and practical support – Guidance with education, employment, and personal development.
- Ensuring a safe environment – Staff are present to offer assistance but not to provide direct care like in a children's home.

The number of staff required in our young people's supported accommodation depends on several factors, including:

- The level of support needed – is Low support services required one staffing levels during the day and one during the night.
- The number of young people accommodated – More residents typically require not more than one staff.
- Regulatory requirements – Local laws and safeguarding policies may specify minimum staffing ratios.
- Shift coverage – Typically, services have day staff and night staff, sometimes including waking night staff mostly our supported accommodation will require sleep-in staff.

Common Staffing Models:

- Low support (semi-independent living): 1-2 staff members on-site during the day, on-call support at night.
- Medium support: 24/7 staff presence, with 1 or 2 staff members per shift.
- High support: Multiple staff per shift, including waking night staff for supervision.

We are not required to have complex or high support young people.

Most importantly, if we have one staff member during the day and one staff member at night, then you have two staff members in total covering shifts.

Our service requires young people to use public transport rather than providing private transport.