Key2

Supporting Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children into Independent Living

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About Key2

● Established in Oxford in July 2004

● 15 projects nationally providing homes and support for over 250 young care young and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

● Nearly 100 full time staff supported within robust management framework

● Local office base and staff team for each area

● Flexible levels of support 24/7.
Key2 homes

- Our UASC clients live in shared homes
- We rent / lease our properties from the private sector
- Dispersed throughout each local area.
- High quality fully furnished accommodation
- Our support focuses on both young people and the properties.
Our Approach

- Strong ethos based on qualities of passion, patience, persistence, partnership, diligence
- Persistent support - quick to respond to changing need
- Team approach
Team Approach

- An evidence based approach
- All members of the team work with all clients
- Each client has a lead worker
- Support Planning / risk management
- Working in partnership
At the very beginning

- Brought to our office
- Food shop and arrival pack
- Health / general wellbeing
- Safeguarding
- Occupancy
- Taken to property
- Introduced to others
- Arrangements for the next morning.
Getting going in Oxford

- Day 1 or 2 - clothes shopping, how to get to the office/bus/ arrange weekly allowance

- Take the young person to the Orientation Programme

- Begin life skills and cooking workshops, assessing skills and needs

- Health questionnaire, age assessment, LAC nurse, sight test, dentist, vaccinations, TB

- Venda / Asylum Welcome referral
UASC Transition Post

Additional temporary post to:

- Support UASC in Oxford into education and training
- Develop a buddy support system for the new arrivals
- Strengthen established partnership networks and resources
- Help young people settle and feel part of their community
Moving on

● Education
  ○ Majority (75%) in EET

● Housing
  ○ 94% planned moves
  ○ 60% supported housing
  ○ 40% other housing

● Osman’s story
Next steps

● Evaluate UASC Transition work

● Establish Key2 base and OP outside of Oxford City
  ○ Establish partnership working with infrastructure services
  ○ Need for specialist services for refugees and asylum seekers such as Asylum Welcome and Refugee Resource