

What to do if you are 16/17 years old and homeless or a care leaver

St Albans City and District Council

Housing Options Team

Self Referral: <https://www.stalbanshomechoice.co.uk>

Homelessness.Triage@stalbans.gov.uk

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If you are a 16 or 17 years old or an 18-21 year old who has been in care, you can get additional help.

16 and 17 Year Olds Who Are Homeless

16 and 17 year olds are not considered adults, but they do have additional freedoms that under 16s don't have. As a result, a person who is 16 or 17 and homeless can get assistance from Hertfordshire County Council.

Herts Young Homeless is an organisation that provides assistance to 16 and 17 year olds who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. They can provide assistance, mediation and advice if you're facing eviction, and work with parents and family members to resolve issues.

The Homeless Hub is the gateway for all 16 and 17 year olds who are threatened with eviction. The Homeless Hub work in conjunction with the YMCA, and may be able to provide temporary accommodation.

info@homelesshub.help 0300 323 0130

Aldwyck Housing Association's Young Persons Services Management Team provides a wealth of experience and specialist knowledge in supporting young people in the District.

Artisan Crescent— run by Aldwyck, is a scheme of self contained flats for 16-18 year olds in the St Albans District.
01727 843393

Shelter can provide detailed advice for 16/17 year olds facing homelessness. **0808 800 4444**

Care Leavers

Under the Homelessness Reduction Act of 2017, care leavers in Hertfordshire can now approach any of the 10 constituent local councils for housing assistance.

If you are a care leaver you can apply to the Council's housing register for an allocation of social housing. Your leaving care PA will have to provide the Council with your move on paperwork for you to be considered.

The Homeless Hub offers support and advice for care leavers. They can provide guidance on realistic housing options, access to signposting and referrals to support agencies.

YC Hertfordshire can offer advice and support for care leavers aged 13-21 facing housing issues. They can also provide signposting to a number of services that may be able to help with your situation.

yc@hertfordshire.gov.uk 0300 123 7538