



### Coram - a brief history

Coram has been working with disadvantaged children since 1739 when Thomas Coram established the Foundling Hospital, to care for abandoned babies dying on the streets of London. Over 250 years later, the streets of London are still dangerous for many children and young people, all too many of whom are growing up without the support of a loving home. Coram transforms the lives of children and young people, helping them through practical help and support.

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For further information about Coram's services can be found on our website: [www.coram.org.uk](http://www.coram.org.uk)



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for children  
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## Supported Housing Service



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The Supported Housing Team works with young people from diverse backgrounds. We provide a holistic service to enable young people to develop the appropriate life skills to live **independently**.

**Aims & Objectives**

The aim of the Supported Housing Service is:

**To allow 16-21 year olds to develop the required skills to reach their full potential by providing supported housing that promotes and enhances their life chances.**

**Referral criteria**

Coram Supported Housing Service **do not** accept the following referrals:

- History of arson

All referrals are subject to Coram's referral policy and decisions will be made in line with this, and all available information requested.



The Supported Housing staff will give advice and help the young people to:

**Develop:**

- Positive emotional well-being and good mental health
- Knowledge in relation to drug and alcohol issues
- Knowledge in relation to healthy living on a budget
- Knowledge in relation to sexual health and contraception

**Respect:**

- Respect the privacy and property of other residents and staff
- Respect the diversity of cultures of other young people in Supported Housing

**Learn:**

- To acquire practical life skills, such as budgeting, cooking and basic house maintenance
- To practice and develop self advocacy skills
- To understand the legal requirements to pay rent, and the consequences of failing to do so
- To deal with Benefits Agencies and Housing Departments



**Moving in support**

Coram Supported Housing Service provides a range of support for young people moving into supported housing, including a 'one-off' purchase of living essentials with crockery, cutlery, pots and pans and bedding.

Each young person has his/her own furnished room in one of our five supported houses, sharing a kitchen, living room and bathroom.

Our work with young people is based on an assessment of individual needs. We realize that each person has their own expectations in life, and we understand that the particular needs of each young person will vary throughout the length of his/her stay in the project.

**Moving on support**

When a young person is able to move on from supported housing, support workers will:

- Accompany the young person to view their potential new home
- Assist with applying for the appropriate benefits, and also assistance with setting up utilities

Coram will provide resettlement for the first six months. Appropriate referrals will be made to external agencies.