## HOUSING SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Dungannon, Armagh & Magherafelt







## WHO CAN USE OUR SERVICE:



Aged 16 -25 years.



Living in the Dungannon, Armagh and Magherafelt area



Need housing support



To empower young people to live in their own home independently, offering the young person up to 2 years of tailored support

# WHAT IS HOUSING SUPPORT?



· Help with finding accommodation (social housing, private rented etc) and help liaising with the NIHE or private landlords



· Advice and guidance around housing debt arrears



· Help with benefits and universal credit applications



· Help with budgeting



· Advice and guidance with planning and cooking healthy meals



· Advice on home safety and security



· Helping report repairs or organise improvements

# WHAT IS HOUSING SUPPORT?



Supporting educational/employment opportunities



Signposting to community facilities and services



Help with sourcing furniture and appliances for the young person's home



Support around substance misuse such as signposting to specialist services



Advice on connection to utilities such as electric or gas



Help to overcome social isolation for example by assisting with shopping and engaging with programmes or activities in their area.

### **OUR MAIN AREAS OF SUPPORT ARE:**



Housing



Health & well-being (physical and emotional)



Support Networks



Meaningful Activity



Money Matters



Independence skills



We base our assessments on these 6 areas to ensure the young person receives a holistic approach of support



BCM's Christmas toy appeal, delivering toy parcels to those most in need throughout Northern Ireland



BCM's parent connect service – parenting advice available for up to 4 sessions



Donations through Crown Decorating Centre Tamnamore roundabout



Service user activities i.e, walking groups, cook it programmes, consultation from young people in our interview processes



Over the past 3 years we have paid 29 deposits for young people to help them to access private rent accommodation via Homelessness Prevention Funding

# ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY BCM:

### IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORDS:

BCM helped me when I was stuck and really understood what I was going through".

BCM have always been there for me when I needed them, I was always offered great advice and support

My support worker felt like a friend and not a scary professional, I've had a few support workers and they are all friendly, down to earth and non-judgmental. They also aren't there for decoration; they get stuck in and get their hands dirty!

This service is fantastic, if it wasn't for it I would still be homeless and I wouldn't be at college or driving

## WHO CAN REFER TO HOUSING SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE?

#### You can access the online referral form here:

https://www.belfastcentralmission.org/housing-support-referral-form

Or, for further information please contact:

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