

linux plus

supporting young people to achieve independence

Semi-independent Service
Planned and Emergency Placements



"Staff demonstrate an extremely thorough understanding of the individual complex needs of the young people and work consistently to support them."



Who are we?

We provide good quality regulated semi-independent support and accommodation service for young people aged sixteen to eighteen years old. All services have staff on site 24/7 and provision includes group homes – including single sex services and bespoke single services by request.

Linx have been operating semi-independent services for over seven years, and supporting young people in residential services for over twenty years. As part of the wider CareTech group, the services are supported by a solid infrastructure and dedicated support functions including Training department, HR, Quality and Performance, Compliance, Estates and Senior Management Team. We have successfully secured frameworks across a number of Placing Authorities and consistently achieve positive audits and quality monitoring visits. Moreover, we support young people to achieve good outcomes and stay safe.

Linx currently has 7 homes that are spread over several Local Authorities;

- 4 homes Hatfield - Hertfordshire
- 1 Gloucestershire
 - 1 Bristol
- 1 Peterborough & Cambridgeshire

All our properties are furnished to a high standard with all the modern conveniences that you would expect in a family home. Wi-Fi is accessible and there will be resources for the young people to get familiar with the local area and services that the community offers. Our homes are warm, comfy and we encourage family style living, in the summer we utilise the gardens for barbeques and games. We celebrate occasions and events such as Eid, Christmas and Diwali as well as birthdays and achievements for the young people.

We understand the need to support young people and prepare them through transition to independence and adult life. With our seven goals we provide a progressive and outcomes-based approach.

Be Safe:	working on skills to make safe choices for themselves and others
Be Healthy:	ensuring the young people are empowered enough to manage their own health needs
Be Independent:	working on life skills with our young people to enable an independent future
Be Resilient:	allowing our young people to learn from challenges and to still be able to reach for their aspirations
Be Happy:	supporting our young people to accept the things they cannot change and to look for the positives
Be Ambitious:	we work on the young people's ambition letting them know that nothing is out of reach



What we do

Our primary Aims and Objectives at Linx 16+ are to provide the young people we support with good quality support and guidance, within a safe and secure environment. Our services are outcome focused and designed to enable them to develop and enhance the necessary skills to live full and independent lives within the local and wider community.

We offer a comprehensive assessment designed to ensure that an individual support plan is developed to meet the desired outcomes identified in the young person's Pathway Plan. We are experienced in supporting young people:

- **Leaving care**
- **Homeless or in danger of being homeless**
- **Separated Migrant Children**
- **Pregnant teenagers**
- **Young Mothers**
- **Family breakdowns, or where a safeguarding concern has been identified**
- **Placement breakdowns**
- **Out of County place of safety placements**

We provide a successful service for those young people stepping down from residential care or foster care where it is felt that they would benefit from less intensive support. Whilst this

is often a less expensive service, young people continue to be well safeguarded, and achieve good outcomes - including the necessary skills required as they prepare for independence. Our Quality Framework and Provider Outcomes monitoring model reflect our intention that Linx 16+ will support young people to reach their full potential through in-house support, and education, employment or training opportunities either within Linx 16+ with ASDAN courses or within the community.

Our team are skilled in working with young people who have been involved in risky behaviours or other complex needs. We are experienced in keeping safe and working with those young people involved in CSE, substance misuse, missing from home, county lines, self-harm and behaviours relating to their mental health or emotional well-being.

Young person receive 1:1 hours, which are needs, based in line with their individual needs and Pathway Plan. Packages are reviewed monthly and are able to go up and down in line with a young person's presenting needs and progress. We pride ourselves on reducing support packages as this is the best way to evidence the progress and good outcomes for the young people we support.

We operate an in-house independence programme, which covers topics, which include:

Sexual Health	Money Management	Drug Use	Alcohol Use
Healthy Lifestyle	Accessing Education	Accessing Employment	Accessing Benefits
Daily Living Skills	Social Skills	Leisure	Relationships
Accessing Housing	Offending Behaviour	Emotional Well-Being	Personal Safety



We accept both emergency and planned placements and this includes out of hours and weekend placements where needed. Where required, we can offer bespoke outreach packages to support young people in their own homes or forwarding services.

Some services can provide a crash pad and short break opportunities and this includes breaks for young people in foster care where a break may be required for foster carers. Similarly, we can offer short-term placements for those young people experiencing a family breakdown, where intensive work can be undertaken with families in order to secure a positive return home.

Any high support packages are reviewed on a regular basis. We pride ourselves on packages being reduced as this is best evidence of the good progress made by the young people we support. Similarly, at times of crisis, we are confident that we can provide the short-term intensive support a young person requires whilst they settle, secure relevant services, or come to terms with a significant life event, disclosure or deterioration in their health and well-being.

Linxcare 16+ is part of the wider CareTech Children's services (CTC) and provides transitional support services for young people.

How can you contact us?

Contact us today to make a placement in one of our quality services or to discuss opportunities for young people in transition:

Ryan Newnes - 7823 402269 - ryan.newnes@caretech-uk.com

Kate Riches - 07780 480897 - kate.riches@caretech-uk.com

Referrals - 07823 402317 - children@caretech-uk.com

Contact us today to make a placement in one of our quality services or to discuss opportunities for young people in transition.

Children@caretech-uk.com

