

**AGED 16-25
LOOKING FOR SUPPORTED
ACCOMMODATION?**



**Tamworth
Cornerstone
Housing
Association**

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Tamworth Cornerstone Housing Association is a Christian led partnership of the local church in Amington, (St Editha) Cornerstone Charity and Tamworth Borough Council. The organisation aims to provide a framework of support, encouragement, challenge and opportunities to young single people aged 16-25 that will enable them to explore, and develop coping mechanisms which will help them to live independently. It does this by providing a range of appropriate living accommodation and learning and skills programmes. It also provides programmes for non-resident young people challenged by conventional school environments.



Admission and Eligibility criteria for Tamworth Cornerstone Housing Association (TCHA)

They may fall into one or more of the follow categories of need :-

Single homeless with support needs

Young people at risk

Young people leaving care

Rough sleepers

Young people with mild to moderate learning Disabilities

Young people with sensory disabilities

Young people with mild to moderate mental health problems

Young people with manageable drug and alcohol problems

Young people at risk of abuse and domestic violence

Young refugees



TCHA provides a framework of support, encouragement, challenge and opportunity to young people, like yourself, who have a housing support and life skill need. You will explore and develop ways of managing your life which will enable you to live independently.

You will be supported by a staff team 24 hours a day and once you are ready for independent living you will be able to bid on Choice Based Lettings, Private Renting Schemes or Shared Accommodation

Referrals Process

Referrals are made through a number of local professional agencies including Local Authorities, Social Services, Connexions, Training Providers, or by self referrals to Tamworth Cornerstone Housing Association: Tel: 01827 319918

Selection Procedure

A Housing Support Request form can be obtained from any of the local agencies or by telephoning Tamworth Cornerstone Housing Association on 01827 319918.

Once the application has been received you will be interviewed at Tamworth Cornerstone Housing Association by at least two members of the staff team.

At interview we will:

- Decide whether you meet the criteria
- Agree the level of support you will require
- Inform you about the accommodation and decide if you wish to take up the place offered

The Decision

If Declined

If unsuccessful you will be informed of the reasons why by phone and letter and will be advised of the appeals process if you wish to continue. You will also be advised of more appropriate services within the area.

If Accepted

If successful you will be informed by phone and letter and placed on the waiting list and an offer of accommodation

will be given as soon as a place becomes available.

The goal of the service user is to successfully live independently within the community.



The project consists of 3 types of accommodation:

You would normally start in the ISU and as you work your way through the project and with the help of the Support Workers you will become more independent moving to the Cluster units and then finally the flats

The **Intensive Support Unit** provides seven single bedrooms. You will be able to use a shared bathroom, lounge, kitchen, games room and laundry. A bed, wardrobe, fridge and food cupboard are provided.

The **Cluster Unit** is six studio flats where you have your own kitchen, bedroom and bathroom, bed, wardrobe, table, fridge and cooker provided.

In the hostel you will be expected to pay a small service charge at the current rate per week to cover the costs of electricity, water etc for the building.

We also have **17 one bedroom flats in the grounds**. You will be responsible for setting up your own water, gas and electric accounts and will be encouraged to be as independent as possible.



Learning & Skills Unit

Our Learning & Skills centre offers the **First Steps Programme**, aimed at the growing number of non-school attendees, **The Bright Young Things Programme**, aimed at those finding it difficult in a mainstream school environment who need structured support in order to gain certain **GCSE** qualifications a **Life Skills and Youth Achievement Awards plus Vision-2-Learn** designed for any of those attending who wish to increase their experience and knowledge and Vision-2-Learn, is a new way of flexible learning online for ages 14 plus. All those who attend are encouraged to work at their own pace with the support of tutors and experienced volunteers.

