



Participation & Positive Activities for  
looked after children and young people

## A simple guide to Staying Put



### Who is Staying Put for?

It is for any fostered young person after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday for up to two years.



### Who should the young person talk to about Staying Put?

Their Social Worker,  
16+ Worker and  
Foster Carer.

### When can it be agreed if a young person can stay put?

With the IRO at the looked after review between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday. It also should be talked about as part of the Pathway Plan and agreed in advance.

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### What's good about Staying Put?

Many young people don't feel ready to go into independent living at 18, Staying Put gives them the chance to get better prepared and learn the life skills to move on successfully.

It is the young person and the foster carers choice and they both have to agree it's the right thing to do.

### How does it work?

If the young person and the foster carer are happy to continue to live together after their 18<sup>th</sup> The foster carer will continue to receive payments to enable them to continue supporting the young person.

The young person will need to contribute financially to their upkeep from their benefits or pay.

The foster carer will still receive support from a family placement worker

The young person will be supported by their 16+ Worker.

### How is Staying Put agreed?

The young person, 16+worker, foster carer and family placement worker will meet to agree if it is best for the young person to stay put. The young person agrees to make a financial contribution This is then included in the pathway plan.



If you would like more information please contact your **16+ worker on 01670 712925** or the **family placement team on (01670) 626262** or Email: [familyplacement@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:familyplacement@northumberland.gov.uk)