

What is Supporting People?

- ❖ Supporting People is a national programme led by the CLG (Department for Communities and Local Government).
- ❖ It helps people with housing related support needs to move to or maintain independent living in their preferred residence.
- ❖ The aim is to improve the quality of housing related support to vulnerable people. This is achieved by monitoring the quality, relevance, value for money and effectiveness of the services provided within the Doncaster Borough.
- ❖ Supporting People undertakes the following functions:
 - Management, co-ordination and delivery of the local programme.
 - Administration of the Supporting People Grant.
 - Monitoring and reviewing of services delivering housing related support to ensure quality and value for money.
 - Establishes, monitors and updates strategic planning/decision making structures

What is Housing Related Support?

Housing related support will help you to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to maintain/increase your independence in your own home/supported housing scheme or enable you to move to independent living

Some examples of housing related support are:

- ❖ Help provided by wardens in sheltered housing schemes
- ❖ Community alarm systems
- ❖ Help managing money and other independent living skills
- ❖ Temporary emergency accommodation i.e. hostels/refuges.

Support can only be housing related, you cannot ask Supporting People for help with things like personal care (washing/dressing), healthcare, medication, preparing meals, shopping, cooking, childcare or specialist counselling.

Who can Supporting People help?

Supporting People can help a wide variety of vulnerable people throughout the Borough of Doncaster:

- ❖ Black and Minority Ethnic Communities
- ❖ Gypsies/Travellers
- ❖ Offenders and those at risk of offending
- ❖ Older People with support needs
- ❖ People who are homeless or refugees
- ❖ People with a learning disability
- ❖ People with a mental health problem
- ❖ People with a physical or sensory disability
- ❖ People who misuse substances
- ❖ Teenage Parents
- ❖ Women fleeing domestic violence
- ❖ Young people at risk, leaving care or young offenders

How much will it cost?

You do not have to pay if you are receiving housing benefit; income support, pension credit or the support you are receiving is short term (less than 2 years).

If you are not entitled to any of the benefits listed, but have less than £23,000 in capital and are accessing a long-term service (over 2 years), you can apply for a fairer charging assessment, to determine if you can get any help towards the costs. Everyone else will have to pay for housing related support..

Quality

The Supporting People team does not take direct referrals, however we do have a list of organisations we are currently funding. These providers are required to submit regular information to enable us to assess them to ensure that the service they provide is:

- ❖ Good quality
- ❖ The right service that people want and need
- ❖ Good value for money