

00:01 Hey guys, I'm Pandora and I'm here to talk to you all about Supported Lodgings
00:05 Now you might now have heard of this before
00:06 It wasn't around when I was growing up in care
00:08 but it is a brilliant idea
00:10 supported lodgings is there for young people who are not quite there yet
00:12 ready to live independently
00:17 but they want to take the next few steps
00:20 So when you're sixteen or older
00:21 You can either choose to stay with your foster family
00:24 you can leave or you can
00:26 go into supported lodgings and it really helps you with your confidence
00:29 and your skills for later in life.
00:30 First question
00:33 Who exactly can become a supported lodgings provider?
00:35 Well you can for a start
00:39 It doesn't matter what age you are, what ethnicity you are
00:40 what gender you are. It doesn't matter whether you're in a couple or you're single
00:43 If you have a massive heart
00:49 You have a spare room
00:50 and you wanna change someone's life and help them
00:52 get the future that they deserve
00:58 this could be you
01:00 Ok, so what's the difference between a supported lodgings provider and a foster carer?
01:04 Ok, so a supported lodgings provider
01:06 is someone who will be looking after a young person
01:10 generally from about sixteen or older
01:12 someone who is thinking and feeling
01:15 almost ready to live independently
01:16 but not quite there yet
01:20 where a foster carer is someone who can look after
01:23 a young baby or a three year old
01:24 all the way up to about 16,17,18
01:29 or if you're like me, someone who is old!
01:31 Ha! My foster carers still look after me now!
01:34 Ok, so do I need qualifications to be a supported lodgings provider?
01:39 Simple answer, no.
01:41 You just need to want to
01:43 Darlington Council are gonna keep you regularly updated
01:45 with all of the information and support you need
01:47 they are going to be holding regular training days as well
01:49 So if you wanna be one, you can
01:54 Ok, so what is it like to be a supported lodgings provider with Darlington Council?
01:58 Oh, they are a lovely bunch
01:59 they are a real small intimate team of people
02:02 and the best thing about that is they can give you
02:05 all of the support and help you need
02:08 they are lovely, they don't bite.
02:12 So guys, if you are interested in helping a young person and giving them the future that they deserve then please get in touch and send an email.

02:21 Email supportedlodgings@darlington.gov.uk or call 01325 406222