



Introduction

Forum Housing Association has been a specialist provider of supported accommodation to young people aged 16-25 for over 40 years.

During the last 4 decades we have increased our accommodation projects in Wirral, Sefton, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester. Alongside providing housing for young people we work with our young people supporting their varied and diverse needs in order to prepare them for successful, independent living. We are currently working each week with over 350 young people.

The Association's mission statement "it's all about you" is a testimony to the Association's Christian foundation and values. It captures for us the sentiments of respect for and consideration of others, which is at the heart of all we do.

There are over 125 staff working for the Association in a variety of roles and included in this is a small group of resident representatives. These are young people themselves, charged with the task of encouraging participation and engagement of our young people in the planning, decision making and evaluation of all the services we deliver.

The Association is conscious of addressing local need and fulfilling its obligations fully within Local, Regional and National Strategies. It is our intention to invest in our young people to enable them to influence and add value to those same Local, Regional and National Strategies, Initiatives and Programmes.

We work alongside many Statutory, Public, Private and Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector organisations and we are grateful for the support and encouragement we receive.

As an Association we strive for excellence in all that we do, we are committed to our own learning and development and to bringing improvements in service for young people wherever and whenever we can.

Housing Solutions Team

Forum has a Freephone service for young people needing accommodation or housing advice.

Ringling free on **0800 234 6007** will place young people straight through to a dedicated Housing Solutions Team 24 hours a day, every day.

The team is able to offer access to Forum's accommodation across three Local Authority areas, signpost to other housing providers or simply respond to the growing need for advice and assistance.

**16 to 25, need accommodation
or housing advice?**









Want some help?

0800 234 6007

**Call our Housing
Solutions Team
free anytime**



Accommodation Services

Project	 Bedspaces	 Location	 Type	 Tenure	 On Site Staff	 Parent & child units	 Referral Source	 Furnished
Beacon Project	63 units	Tranmere Wirral	Medium stay	Licence	24 hour	9 units	0800 234 6007	Fully
The Bridge Project	26 units	Birkenhead Wirral	Direct Access	Excluded Licence	24 hour	nil	0800 234 6007	Fully
Ash Villas	54 units	Wallasey Wirral	Medium stay	Licence	24 hour	nil	0800 234 6007	Fully
Lincoln Drive	4 units	Wallasey Wirral	Medium stay	Licence	Visiting staff and 24hr telephone support	nil	0800 234 6007	
Caroline Place	7 units	Oxton Wirral	Medium stay	Licence	Visiting staff and 24hr telephone support	7 units	0800 234 6007	
Rocky Bank	5 units	Birkenhead Wirral	Medium stay	Licence	Visiting staff and 24hr telephone support	5 units	0800 234 6007	
Market Wells Foyer	40 units	Birkenhead Wirral	Medium stay	Licence	24 hour	nil	0800 234 6007	Fully
Market Street	6 units	Birkenhead Wirral	Medium stay	Licence	Visiting staff and 24hr telephone support	nil	0800 234 6007	Fully
Akenside	12 units	Bootle Sefton	Medium stay	Licence	Visiting staff and 24hr telephone support	nil	0800 234 6007	Fully
SEAD Project	18 units	Bootle Sefton	Direct Access	Excluded Licence	24 hour	nil	0800 234 6007	Fully
Worchester Road	3 units	Bootle Sefton	Medium stay	Licence	Visiting staff and 24hr telephone support	nil	0800 234 6007	Fully
Windsor Road	3 units	Southport Sefton	Medium stay	Licence	Visiting staff and 24hr telephone support	nil	0800 234 6007	Fully
Leyland Road	19 units	Southport Sefton	Direct Access	Licence	24 hour	nil	0800 234 6007	Fully
The Lock	8 units	Ellesmere Port	Medium stay	Licence	24 hour	nil	0800 234 6007	Fully
Ellesmere Port Houses	8 units	Ellesmere Port	Medium stay	Licence	Visiting staff and 24hr telephone support	8 units	0800 234 6007	Fully
Princes Road	2 units	Ellesmere Port	Medium stay	Licence	Visiting staff and 24hr telephone support	nil	0800 234 6007	Fully
The Quays	8 units	Ellesmere Port	Medium stay	Licence	Visiting staff and 24hr telephone support	nil	0800 234 6007	Fully



Young People's Services

All Boroughs – Resident Representatives Team

The Resident Rep Team play a vibrant but vital role within the Association by providing opportunities to engage our residents in fun, innovative sessions and events.

The Resident Rep Team have developed a number of initiatives to encourage young people to be empowered and have a major involvement in policy improvements with real impact and influence.

The Team also endeavour to seek out regional and national events and consultation opportunities to ensure that our young people have the chance to have their views and opinions heard on a much larger scale.



All Boroughs - The Project Panel

The Project Panel gives residents a great say in the development and future of the Association. The Project Panel is created via a democratic voting process which takes place every six months.

They meet once a month to discuss the Association's business, reviewing collective issues and how to tackle them, initiating policy reviews, working on bids to enhance funding for activities and between them allocate individuals best suited to represent the Panel at different local, regional and national events.



Wirral – Getting It Right Together Team

This team is based at the Bridge Project, Birkenhead and provide an enhanced level of support to a caseload of six young people who require additional support to establish trust, order and purpose in to their lives. The team work closely alongside the young person in order to prepare them to engage with universal services.



Wirral – Prevention Team

The Prevention Team is charged with supporting the Local Authority and partners to tackle youth homelessness, disengagement from services and social isolation. The Team work in partnership with Project Staff and Stakeholders to identify highly vulnerable young people in order to provide additional support to prevent them from abandoning their placement. They also provide an immediate response when a young person's behaviour is putting their placement at risk.



Wirral – Floating Support

The Floating Support Team provide a service to young people who require greater support than that which is provided through our universal service. This additional service helps the young person to 'stay on track' on their journey to achieving independence.



Sefton and Wirral – Energy Team

The Energy Programme introduces young people to a range of activities moving them towards opportunities of accredited education, training and employment. All activities, consultation and engagement for young people is regularly monitored and changed to meet new challenges, funding opportunities and local initiatives.

Wirral - Acceler8 Programme

The Acceler8 Programme provides young people with support to help them in to employment or vocationally related training. The Acceler8 team offer group sessions as well as one to one support in order to help the individual achieve their aspirations. The Programme is funded through Working Wirral and the European Social Fund.



The Association also has a range of smaller programmes which run alongside the above which include Project Specific Activities. Project staff will be able to provide more information on what's available currently.

Forum Nightstop Cheshire

Forum Nightstop Cheshire provides a response for young people aged 16-25 by housing them for a short time (between 1 and 7 nights) with a range of approved hosts, while efforts are made to resolve their crisis in a way which enables them safely to move on to a positive destination. Nightstop provides a safe and supportive family environment, enabling the local housing authority and partners time to assess the needs of the young person and provide a tailored package of care. The desirable outcome for most young people will be to return home and Nightstop provides the young person with "breathing space" to help resolve the situation at home and consider their future.

