

Who can apply for the Housing Project?

Applications will be accepted from all young single people between age 16 and 24 yrs.

Applications cannot be accepted from couples or young people with high support needs

Young people in housing need aged 16 or 17 years and Care Leavers aged between 18 and 21 years are given priority.

How to Apply

Young people in housing need aged 16 or 17 years and Care Leavers aged between 18 and 21 years should be assessed by MDDC Housing Department initially. They should contact MDDC on: 01884 255255

All other young people aged 18 to 24 yrs should apply directly to CHAT.

You can email, phone, or visit CHAT for an application form, or download from our website.

Please contact us for further details:

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Why do young people become homeless?

Most young people become homeless largely as a result of family problems and most do so before the age of 19 years.

It is rare that family breakdown is specifically due to the behaviour of the young person. More usually it is due to family reconstitution or circumstances beyond the young person's control.

Mediation

CHAT has trained mediation counselors to help resolve family situations where a young person might be being asked to leave home.

Please phone CHAT for further details if you think this free service could help your situation.

Dealing with homelessness

There are many obstacles that make leaving home a difficult experience for a young person, such as:

- a lack of affordable housing
- unemployment and low pay
- reduced welfare benefits

- a lack of experience and knowledge

Finding a solution

A partnership between:

- Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT)
- Westcountry Housing Association (WHA) and
- Mid Devon District Council (MDDC)

is providing supported accommodation for vulnerable young people aged between 16 & 25 yrs.

CHAT manages five three-bedroom houses in Tiverton on behalf of WHA as dedicated accommodation for young people. We place two young people in each house.

One house is dedicated for use by young single parents.

The accommodation is affordable for people who are working or on benefits.

The young person will be required to:

- pay the rent and service charges on time
- engage with the support staff
- treat the accommodation and the neighbours with respect.

CHAT will:

- prepare a safe and homely environment in each house
- fully equip and furnish each house
- provide daily support and supervision to each tenant by paid support staff
- work alongside other agencies to promote positive change in the young person's life

Moving On

CHAT works with MDDC to find move-on accommodation when it is time for the young person to leave.