

Request

Is there a reason why Wigan would not place a child in adult accommodation? It would be helpful to know for my research

Response

Accommodation secured by housing authorities under their functions under Part 7 of the 1996 Act must be suitable for the applicant and anyone who normally resides with them or might reasonably be expected to.

For further guidance about suitability of accommodation, authorities should refer to chapter 17 of the Homelessness Code of Guidance. Consideration of whether accommodation is suitable requires an assessment of all aspects of the accommodation in the light of the relevant needs, requirements and circumstances of the person and their household. Both children's and housing services should bear in mind that 16 and 17 year olds who are homeless and estranged from their family will be particularly vulnerable and in need of support. Bed and breakfast accommodation, including hotels and nightly let accommodation with shared facilities, is not considered suitable for any 16 or 17 year old and young people should not be placed in all-ages night shelter provision, likewise we would not place a young person in adult shared accommodation for those same reasons.