

Paul and James

Through very different circumstances, both men became in need of support and a new place to live. We already knew Paul as he accesses one of our day opportunity services. We were getting to know what James and Paul wanted from their support and although the plan was to separately source accommodation and support for each of them, the manager undertaking this work started to realise that Paul and James had a lot in common.

Paul and James both like getting out and about, having a good routine and plan of what they are doing, both men like cooking, have the same taste in films and music and a similar sense of humour. The ISS manager decided Paul and James should at least meet as they were both in the same circumstances and having mutual support through this time could be a good thing.

James and Paul met up with support, began talking and appeared to get along. We supported them to meet up on further occasions, both James and Paul were getting along so well that we met with them individually and their social workers and asked them if they wanted to live on their own or share a house and support. Both said that they liked each other and wanted to share a house together. It was lovely to see them building a friendship.



ISS supported Paul and James to find a beautiful home that they said they wanted to live in. We then began talking to them and their families about how they wanted their home to look. We supported them to go out and choose what they wanted and they moved in with the help of ISS and funding for support being agreed by their Social Workers





They have settled in very well as you can see and have formed a good friendship, everyone can see how happy they are, who know them well.

James' dad, Pete said he is "It's beyond anything I could have wished for, for James, all my fears have been allayed. James is thriving and very happy."

"I'm really impressed with the ways it's gone. James is far more relaxed, and happy in himself than I've seen him for a long time...they send me photos of James which I love, and I can share these with family and friends, and you can see by his big smile that he is having the time of his life and I am so impressed with the way James was paired with Paul".



James and Paul now have a plan of their activities, these include things like attending local groups and activities, shopping, going to the cinema, watching live music, going bowling and on walks. They also keep in touch with their families and this is important to them. As well as shared activities, Paul and James receive 1-1 support at various points throughout the week so they can do something different from each other if they choose to do so.

From Paul and James' points of view things are going brilliantly, their families are very happy with the support both gentlemen receive and with their new home. From social services point of view ISS have ensured two people have person centred support and a home to be proud of.