Placements for unaccompanied young people aged 16 and over

Placed this week. Settled, not just housed.

Shared, solo and staffed homes across South and West Wales. Each young person is matched to the home, the people already living in it and the staff, with culture, faith, language and diet settled before the move.

Shared home

£350

a week · £50 a night

A furnished, maintained room in a matched shared home. Support added at £27 an hour.

Solo home

£595

a week · accommodation

Single occupancy where sharing is unsuitable. Add support hours, or choose a fixed package below.

Staffed home

£1,195

a bed a week

A team on site around the clock, backed by on-call management. £1,295 a bed with enhanced support.

Fixed solo packages, weekly prices — 12-week minimum term

£840 10 hours a week · **£1,085** 20 hours a week · **£1,575** 40 hours a week

Settling-in support

Ten hours a week at £27 an hour during the first weeks. Adina leads the practical work: college and ESOL enrolment, GP and dentist registration, a bank account and phone, local travel, and the solicitor and Home Office appointments, with someone beside the young person.

Hours are agreed with the social worker before support starts and step down to the plan once the young person is settled. Recorded in TIFA Connect on the day, invoiced as delivered. The same support can be delivered in accommodation your authority runs, from an hour a day.

Shared-home example	A week
Accommodation	£350
10 support hours at £27	£270
Settling-in total	**£620**
Once settled, 7 hours at £27	£189
Once settled	**£539**

What your authority receives

The Home Office pays local authorities £143 a night for each unaccompanied child under 18 (funding instructions 2026 to 2027), which is £1,001 a week. The shared home, with or without the settling-in hours, and the solo home with up to ten hours a week sit inside that figure. A staffed bed and the twenty and forty hour solo packages are above it. A National Transfer Scheme transfer completed within five working days attracts a further £4,000 under the same instructions, for transfers to 30 November 2026. Our referral promise fits that window: a written response within 24 hours, a decision within one working day, and same-day placement where it is safe.

Sleep-in £125 a night. Emergency placements carry 12.5 per cent on the first 14 nights. The written offer confirms the home, the support, inclusions, exclusions and the total charge before arrival.

Prices from the TIFA Life 2026/27 price list. Full terms are in the service and cost brochure.

Adina, the Studio and past 18

Adina Thomas, UASC lead

Adina worked in the Neath Port Talbot leaving care team from 2010, and before that from 2002 to 2006. She was the regional UASC young persons advisor for Swansea and Neath Port Talbot from September 2023 to April 2026.

Since June 2026 her weekly Swansea drop-ins for unaccompanied young people aged 16 to 25 have been attended by young people placed by four authorities, with referrals from five. She supported the regional consultations with unaccompanied young people in 2024 and 2025. She does not give immigration advice.

The Studio, Swansea

A public café and venue run as a community space for care leavers and unaccompanied young people: drop-ins, the Welcome to Swansea course, peer mentoring and hospitality skills in a real café.

The last eight-week DJ course ended with young people performing to a crowd of 60. Barista-trained young people ran the bar.

95 Mansel Street, Swansea SA1 5TZ
Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm · Sunday, 10am to 4pm

Sessions with Adina: £27 an hour

For unaccompanied young people aged 16 to 25 living in or near Swansea, whoever houses them. Sessions cover letters and appointments, daily living, education, and cultural and community links. A case note follows every session. No minimum term. Adina does not give immigration advice.

For staff: training and experience days cover triple planning, the journey, cultural needs and the authority's duties, with a day shadowing the hub. Dates and prices on request through Ian.

Continuity past 18

£38.50 a night
Full accommodation charge · £269.50 a week

Around £18 a night
Illustrative council contribution where leave to remain is granted

The same home and the same people continue past the 18th birthday, agreed with the authority before the date. Post-18 provision is accommodation-led, not a staffed placement; support hours are commissioned separately at £27 an hour.

Housing-cost payments and an agreed resident contribution reduce the council's contribution, not TIFA's full charge. Both deductions are confirmed for each young person, and the contribution does not change automatically when status is granted. Where no housing-cost payment is available, the authority pays the full charge.

The Home Office pays authorities £270 a week for each eligible former unaccompanied care leaver in 2026/27: funding to the authority, not a TIFA price.

Regulatory position

TIFA Life provides supported accommodation for young people aged 16 and over. That means the home itself and the support that goes with it, helping a young person manage daily living and move towards independence. We do not provide care of the kind that requires registration with Care Inspectorate Wales under the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016, and TIFA Life is not a registered care service. Where a young person's needs would require a regulated service, we say so and decline the referral. Our governance, safeguarding, staff training and reporting arrangements are designed to meet the standards commissioners apply to regulated services.

Make a referral

life.tifa.co.uk/referrals · 01792 677275, answered 24 hours a day · hello@tifa.co.uk

Written response within 24 hours.
Same-day placement where safe.