

## Cabinet Secretary sees how project helps young people move in rather than move on

Jointly funded by the Welsh Government's Supporting People Programme Grant and Children's Services in Newport, the project supports young people with complex needs who are leaving residential or secure units. Staff are trained to take a therapeutic approach and build on each individual's strengths. The service has seen a huge increase in young people engaged in training or employment and securing longer term housing.

The Cabinet Secretary met some of the young people living at George Street and the staff who have been supporting them.

He said:

"I have been very impressed with the George Street Project and all the people I have met today, both staff and residents. I am committed to ensuring young people have the same life chances and are equipped for success as they move to adulthood.

"The young people who are being helped by the 'Move In' service have sadly already experienced several Adverse Childhood Experiences, which we know affect their chances later in life. They are lucky to have the support of Solas Cymru to overcome these experiences and it is heartening to hear of their plans to move into their own homes, undertake training and plan for their future careers. I wish them the very best for their futures."