

Residential Services

Under 18s Policy for Residential Accommodation

This policy covers all students whose 18th birthday occurs after the first day of the Universities standard licence agreement on the year of entry into the University. This policy aims to promote the safeguarding and wellbeing of such students and explains each party's responsibilities in regards to their accommodation and conduct - until such a time as they reach their 18th birthday and applies to all accommodation managed or leased by the University of Manchester.

The University of Manchester will not take on parental responsibility for a student under the age of 18 and students and their families should be aware that University halls are an environment where students of any age can reside. The University of Manchester expect all students in residence to behave responsibly at all times and have the necessary skills to study and live alongside people from a wide variety of backgrounds and ages.

The University accommodation guarantee policy and application deadline dates apply in all cases.

1. Accommodation Application and Acceptance of Agreements

Students under the age of 18 are eligible to apply for accommodation using the standard on line system and should note that information contained within the system is downloaded from the main university student system; therefore information on an applicant's age is automatically populated.

2. The University of Manchester (Residential & Sport Services) will :

- Offer accommodation to under 18s in one of the halls designated for this purpose
- Ensure that all ResLife team members within the designated halls are DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked.
- Advise under 18s not to take accommodation in the private sector
- Always accommodate under 18s in single room accommodation (unless specifically requested not to do so)
- Ensure all Residential Services teams are briefed on those students who will be under 18 years of old within accommodation
- Ensure that all under 18s complete the start of term safety session briefing, where this is not possible (i.e. through late arrival) a one to one session, further group session (dependant on numbers) or updated course via blackboard will be arranged
- Make arrangements with the student to regularly meet with their ResLife Coordinator and / or ResLife Advisor
- Ensure all staff are aware of the entry protocol into rooms and act in accordance with the [Terms and Conditions of Residence](#)
- Provide information to under 18s in regards to who to contact in an emergency
- Provide information to Halls bars in relation to Under 18s in hall and will encourage all hall bar staff to check ID of any student who appears to be under 18 at any time
- Consider a request to transfer out of the under 18 designated accommodation once a student reaches their 18th birthday (subject to availability)

3. The University of Manchester (Residential & Sport Services) will not:

- Act in Loco Parentis or provide direct supervision of under 18's
- Monitor the student in relation to leisure time or finances
- Monitor students' academic progress
- Carry out DBS checks on other students in the property where the under 18 is accommodated
- Carry out DBS checks on University contractors or agency staff who may from time to time be in the property

4. The Student (aged under 18 years) will:

- Abide by the terms and conditions of residence
- Comply with the regulations, policies and procedures of the University ([Conduct and Discipline of Students](#))
- Not attempt to purchase or ask any other person to purchase alcohol from any hall bar
- Agree to meet with their ResLife Advisor and / or ResLife Coordinator on a regular basis
- Provide ID when requested to do so by any member of University of Manchester staff or if required to do so by the police.

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