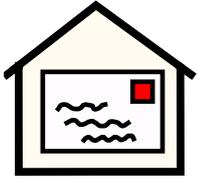




# Your guide to Walkern Lodge



# About Walkern Lodge



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Cygnets runs Walkern Lodge.

Walkern Lodge is in Stevenage.

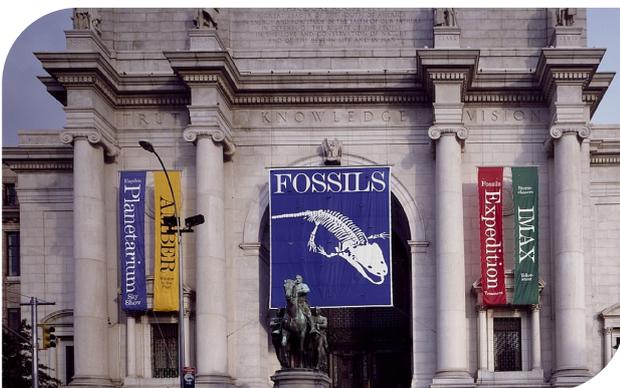
**Nearby there is:**



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leisure centres



museum



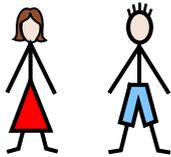
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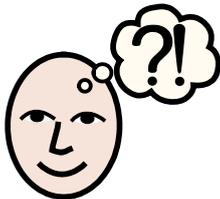
# Living at Walkern Lodge



Walkern Lodge is a residential service where you get support from specially trained support staff.



**18+**

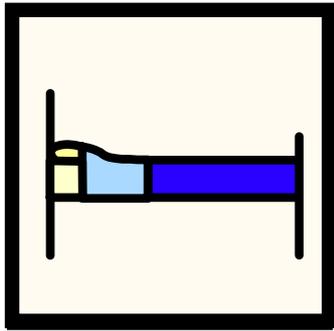


We can give you support if:

- you are a man or woman
- you are 18 years or older
- you have a learning disability
- you have mental health problems that means you get really stressed or unhappy.



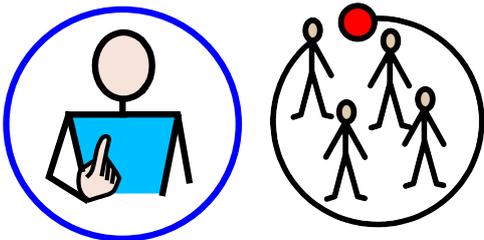
Your friends and family can visit you at Walkern Lodge.



You will have your own self-contained flat.



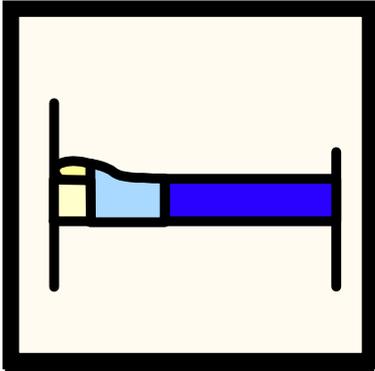
You will have your own bathroom or shower room too.



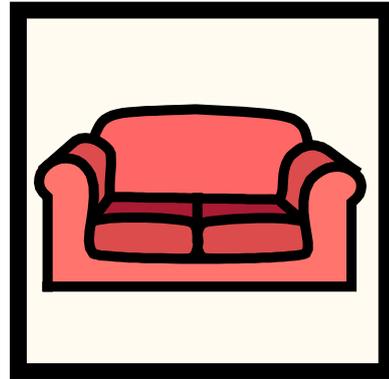
You will not have to share your bathroom or shower room with anyone else.



## Walkern Lodge has...



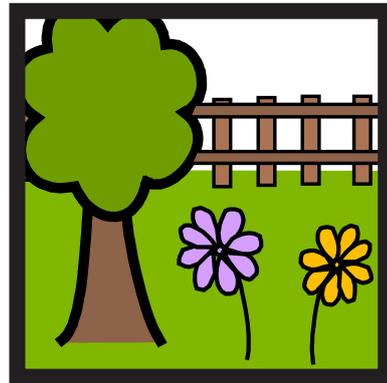
bedrooms



lounges



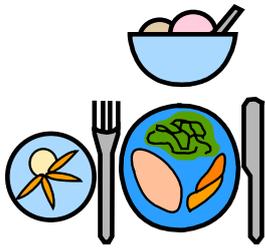
a kitchen



a garden



## Food and drink



You can eat breakfast, lunch and dinner at Walkern Lodge.

You can get snacks and drinks too.



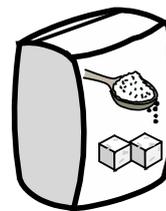
We will support you with developing independent living skills such as shopping and cooking for yourself.

If you need special food you can get that too.

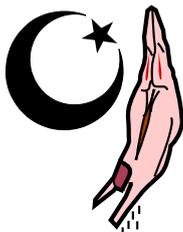
**This could be things like:**



Vegetarian food with no meat



Diabetic food with less sugar



Kosher or halal food



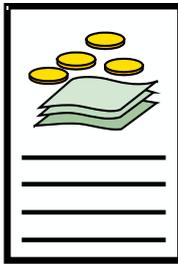
Healthy food with less fat



## Things to do...



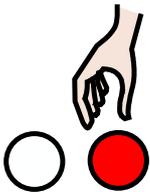
The staff will help you plan activities and things for you to do.



We will help you to plan out your budget for activities for the week.



**You will get the support you need to:**



- make choices



- try new things



- do as much for yourself as you can.

## You can do activities like this:



- gardening



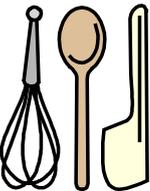
- college



- life skills like washing your clothes and cleaning



- keeping healthy



- cooking and baking

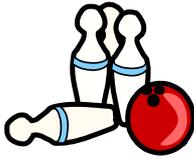


- art classes



The staff will help you keep safe when you are out and about.

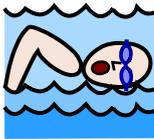
## You can do activities like this:



- bowling



- cinema

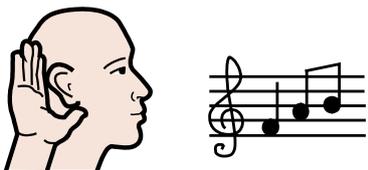


- swimming



- shopping.

## You can also do these things when you want to:



- listen to music



- watch tv



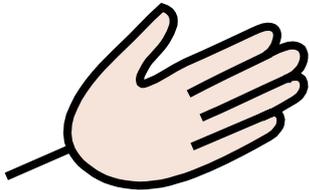
- read



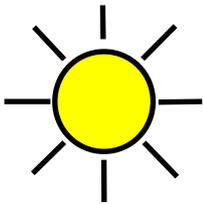
- phone your friends and family.



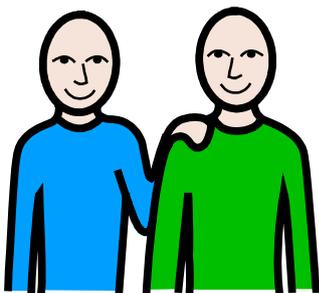
## People who support you



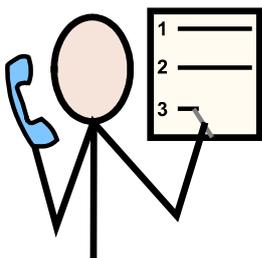
The people who support you at Walkern Lodge have good training and will help you.



The staff are here to support you all day and all night.



You will have a named key worker. They will know you really well.



The staff can help arrange appointments for you.



If you need help we can get support from these people if you need to:



- an occupational therapist



- a speech therapist



- a psychiatrist



- a psychologist



We would talk to your GP about this.

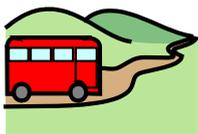


An occupational therapist helps you to be more independent.

**This could be things like:**



- getting dressed



- getting out and about

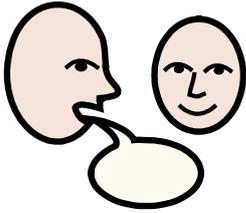


- making your own food.

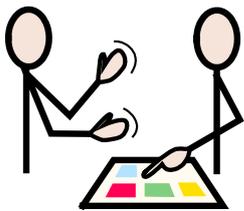


A speech therapist helps you to communicate.

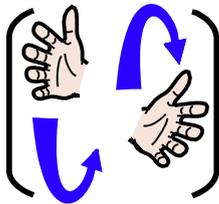
**This could be through:**



- talking



- using pictures or symbols



- signing



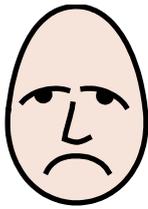
A speech therapist helps you with your eating and drinking.



A psychiatrist is a doctor who helps you with mental health problems.



A psychologist helps you feel better through talking.



They can help if you:

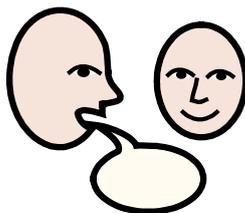
- worry a lot



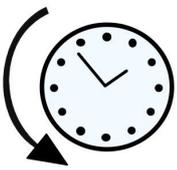
- get angry a lot



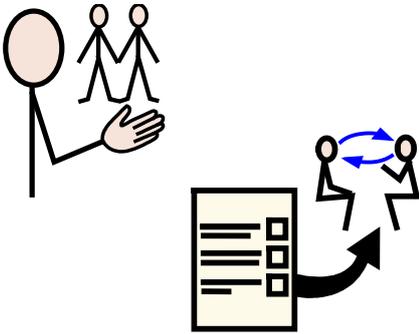
- feel sad a lot



They will listen to you and give advice on how to make things better.



## What happens before you come here

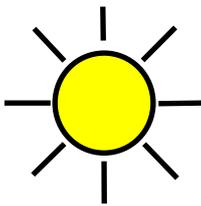


If your social worker thinks you should come to live at Walkern Lodge they will tell us.

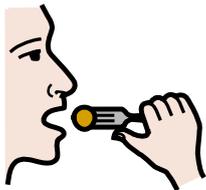
**This is called a referral.**



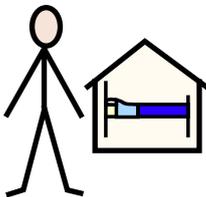
We want to make sure that Walkern Lodge is right for you.



You can come and visit Walkern Lodge for a day to see if you like it.



You can try the food.



You can meet:

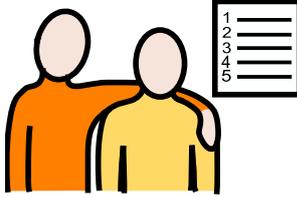
- the people who live here



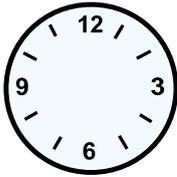
- the people who will support you.



# What happens when you come here



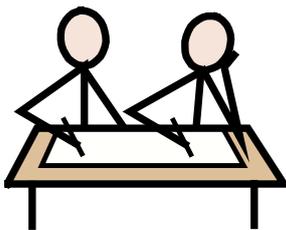
We will help you do a person centred care plan.



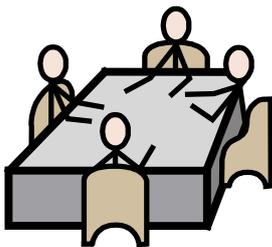
Someone will spend time with you.



Together we will find out what is important to you. This will help us plan support that is just right for you.



We have integrated care pathways. This means that everyone involved with your support works well together.

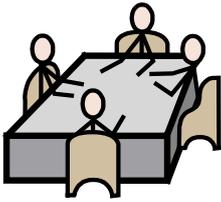


We have meetings and share information to find the best ways to support you.



We keep any information about you private.

We will only show the information to the people we need to.



Twice a year we will have a meeting with you and these people:



- your mum and dad or family



- your social worker

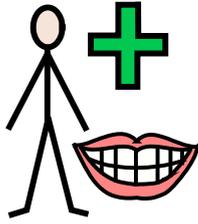


- people who support you at Walkern Lodge



**We will make sure you are getting the right support.**

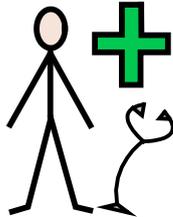
## We will help if you need to see:



- a dentist about your teeth



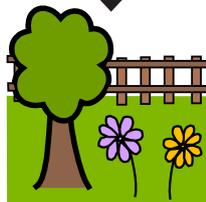
- an optician about your eyes



- a doctor or a GP



- anyone else about your health.



If you want to smoke you must go outside.

If you want to stop smoking we can help you.



# Supporting your independence



What does supporting your independence mean?



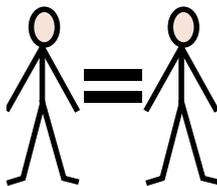
- supporting you to live the life you want



- having control of your life and being part of all choices



- being part of where you live



- having opportunities to do things like everyone else



- being treated with respect.

## We support you to:



- take part in your community



- go shopping



- keep in touch with friends and make new friends



- see your family.



# Paying for your support



Cygnets get money to pay for you to live at Walkern Lodge.

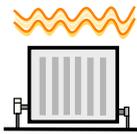
## The money we get pays for these things:



- your food and drink



- people to support you



- heating



- lights



- washing your clothes



- things to do every day.



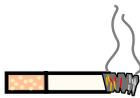
## Paying for other things



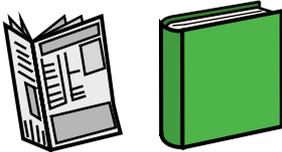
You have to use your own money to pay for these things:



- clothes



- cigarettes



- newspapers and books



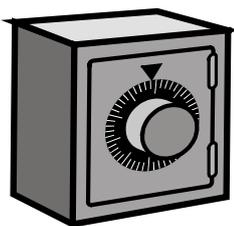
- shampoo, soap and other things you need to keep clean



- getting your hair cut

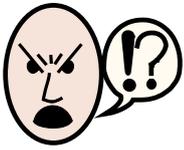


- extra activities you want to do.

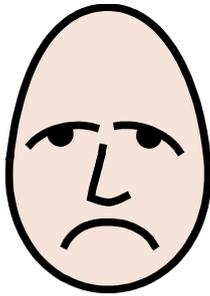


We will help you to keep your money safe.

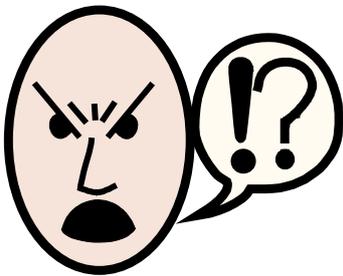
If you want us to we can also look after your money until you need it.



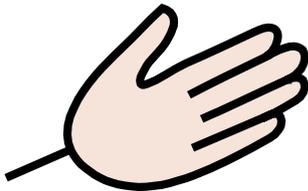
## Your right to complain



We want you to tell us about anything you are unhappy about at Walkern Lodge.



This is called **complaining**.



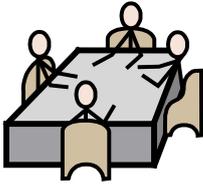
We will try to sort it out.



Complaining helps us to make things better.



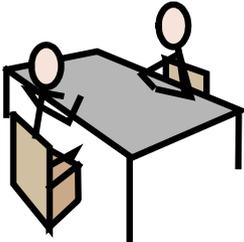
## Having your say



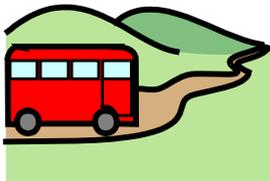
We have a resident meetings at Walkern Lodge.



You can tell us what you think about Walkern Lodge.



You can help interview new staff if you would like to.

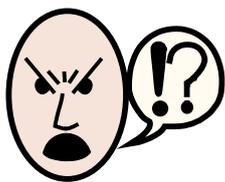


You can help to plan trips and activities.



You can talk to an advocate too.

Advocates are people who help you have your say about what you need and what you want.

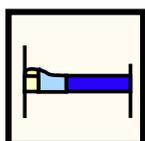


You can complain about anything about Walkern Lodge.

**This could be:**



- people who support you



- your room



- things you do during the day



- food and drink.



You can make a complaint to the staff that support you or you can phone the CQC to complain.



The phone number is:

**03000 616161**



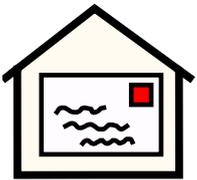
The CQC are people who make sure you are supported properly.







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