

## Bridging the Gap: How Supported Living Empowers Independence in Thurrock

At Nextsmartstep, we believe that a safe home is only the first step. For individuals transitioning from homelessness, the justice system, or recovery, the real challenge isn't just finding a roof—it's building the skills to keep it.

As a specialist provider of non-CQC supported housing in Thurrock, Grays, and Basildon, our mission is to provide the "clinical foundation for autonomy." But what does that actually mean for our residents and professional partners?

### Beyond Four Walls: The Empowerment Model

Independence is not something you do for someone; it is something you empower them to do for themselves. Our support model is built on three core pillars:

1. **Practical Tenancy Skills:** From managing Universal Credit and budgeting to maintaining a clean home, we provide hands-on guidance that prepares residents for their own permanent tenancies.
2. **Behavioural & Emotional Support:** Stable housing requires a stable mindset. We work closely with residents to manage complex emotions and develop the resilience needed for long-term community reintegration.
3. **Local Connection:** By focusing our expertise in Thurrock and Basildon, we ensure our residents are connected to local employment, education, and health resources, creating a support network that lasts.

### A Message to Our Professional Partners

We understand the pressures facing Local Authorities and Social Workers today. Placements need to be secure, transparent, and outcome-focused. That is why

Nextsmartstep operates under a rigorous governance framework and the 'Freedom to Speak Up' safeguarding principle.

We aren't just a housing provider; we are your partners in reducing homelessness and recidivism in our community.

## Moving Forward

Whether you are a social worker looking for a high-standard placement or an individual ready to take the next step toward independence, Nextsmartstep is here to bridge the gap.

Ready to discuss a referral?

Contact our team today at 01375 802990 or visit our [\[Contact Us\]](#) page to learn more about our current vacancies in the Thurrock area.