Cameron, Emily and Beth's Story

Cameron, Emily and Beth all have a learning disability and have lived in residential care for over 20 years. Whilst they all lived in different care homes across Derbyshire, they have known each other since they were 16 years old as they were supported by the same provider.

Their Social Worker and Community Care Worker from the Ordinary Lives Team offered them a great opportunity in the community where they would be able to exercise their own independence skills and have more choice and control over their lives. Beth, Emily, Cameron and their families also felt it was time they moved out of residential care.

Beth wanted to live somewhere that would be easier for her to see her family who lived in Skegness. Living in the care home meant that Beth or her family would need to catch two trains if they wanted to visit.

Emily wanted a new home where she would have regular access to a local bus route. Living in the care home meant that Emily did not have access to regular buses limiting her access into the community.

Cameron wanted a new home which included access to a garden as he did not have this at the care home. Cameron's family also wanted him to live closer to them in Derby City.

Their Social Worker and Community Care Worker from the Ordinary Lives Team started looking for suitable properties that Cameron, Emily and Beth could share. This included taking note of the areas individuals wanted to live and searching for appropriate properties. This proved quite a challenge but eventually a 4 bed house was found in Derby City.

Cameron, Emily and Beth now all have their own tenancies and a place they can finally call home. They have furnished the property with their own belongings and have really made the house their own. All three have really improved their independent living skills and have started shopping together and cooking meals. Something they never did whilst living in residential care.

Also, Emily, Cameron and Beth are looking for jobs within their local community. Having a home of their own means that family and friends can come and visit whenever they like.

Cameron, Emily and Beth are now really happy with where they live and are enjoying themselves so much.