

ACT Break-Out feedback

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What are the benefits and disadvantages (risks) of Supported Independent Living (SIL) for Ahmed?**benefits:**
autonomy/independence**Benefits:** a chance to have own place or small flat to share still with minimal support

Recognises you as a young adult

Disadvantages

You may feel more isolated, less support, less opportunity for someone to notice and support your needs, wellbeing needs**Benefit - privacy, independence, risk is leaving the unaccompanied minor dealing with psychological problems alone****Prepare for adulthood and ease falling away of child protection services****He will receive access to support from staff when****Gaining independence/life skills. Security being able to stay on in the tenancy after 18. Access to better opportunities/health care****Disadvantage**
loneliness/isolation. They have to fight for themselves often they will go in along with the plan but may not have someone fighting their corner**Benefits - opportunities for Ahmed to share his experiences with others and build relationships. Physical safety.****Disadvantages** - could feel unsafe because of other young people's traumatic experiences that become shared.**can be overwhelming to arrive in new country and have to live alone with new systems****benefits:** If a young person comes in at a slightly older age it acknowledges their privacy and independence (so long as complemented with necessary support)**Larger numbers of VPS all living together** clash of personalities/cultures may limit independence. Staffing ratios may not reflect individual needs. Risks to VPS safety coming from traffickers.**Advantages** more VPS from their cultures**SIL****advantages** - support provided (hours and type vary), development of independent skills, safety net of support available, quicker in developing skills especially for transition to adulthood, independence, feel more trusted / less 'watched' less guilt about not living with another family**disadvantages** - forced to be independent, early / forced responsibility, lack of family environment**What are the benefits and disadvantages (risks) of large scale reception for Ahmed?****advantage** - being in the group between teens / **disadvantage** - little independent approach**More specific politics, more responses can be benefit, as well as more social support network.****Risks: not enough responses, urgent decisions****Large reception****Social support** of other young people with potential for shared experiences, common language, reconnection**Less safety or security, possible risk of further aggression**
Noise**Benefits - for young people who are less mature they will feel this is more secure and the opportunity to create relationships. They can feel more of a team rather than alone.****Disadvantages** - these environments can be intimidating because of their size. Some young people want to live independently and not in a large group environment.**large reception****advantage** - help yv adapt to new situation, other yv, own access number of facilities that may not be available in family environment**disadvantage** - large number of others, confusing / frightening**What are the benefits and disadvantages (risks) of foster care for Ahmed?****benefits:** support/integration**advantage - safety / disadvantage - not gaining practical skills to live independently****Foster care****Nurture, consistency, a chance to build local connections, a sense of belonging and safety. Speaking the language of host so increased agency****Someone who can listen and help you reduce anxieties. Learn about cultural context. Disadvantages****May feel too much scrutiny****Less independence, may have less chance to socialise with peers****Disadvantage - YP can be de-skilled because foster carers want to do everything for them!****benefit** - opportunity to build a family and be supported forever. Their needs are better understood and more secure.**Difficult to place with language barriers/cultures can be easier to place younger children.****foster care****advantage** - learn language quickly, highly motivated yv, successful yv, in some areas can stay post 18, family experience**disadvantage** - usually only available to younger children, guilt of living with another family