

# WATERWORKS

Waterworks offers a unique experience for young people to live in an environment away from negative influences, allowing time to reflect while gaining new experiences and skills.

**“The service has a good track record in helping young people and as a result, young people’s initial period of assessment is often extended. This is because young people respond positively to the on-board services and support from their staff. The service enables a young person to reflect and move on from their previous traumatic lives”.**

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**SAILING FORWARD TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE WITH  
CARE AFLOAT WATERWORKS**

**WATERWORKS IS A 71' X 6' NARROWBOAT, SHE IS ONE OF THE LARGEST BOATS ON THE CANAL NETWORK OF GT BRITAIN. SHE WAS BUILT IN STEEL IN THE CAMEL LAIRD SHIP YARD (MONK FERRY TRUST) BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN 1986**

**SHE COMPRISES OF A LIVING AREA, A GALLEY COMPLETE WITH COOKER, FRIDGE FREEZER AND WASHING MACHINE, FORWARD TOILET AND A MID-SHIP SHOWER ROOM WITH TOILET. WATERWORKS HAS 3 SEPARATE BEDROOM CABINS WITH STORAGE FOR BOTH STAFF AND THE YOUNG PERSON**

**WE BELIEVE SHE IS THE ONLY FLOATING REGISTERED CHILDREN'S HOME IN THE COUNTRY.**



**Young people are encouraged to become fully involved in the boating community and undertake qualifications enabling them to assist in the operation of Waterworks. Their involvement is essential to the daily running of the vessel and they are given opportunities to gain new skills which will be transferable to all areas of their lives.**

Our flexible Education package means that our teachers can travel to the young person meaning that Waterworks is not restricted to where she goes

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**Waterworks offers the unique experience of providing care and accommodation for a maximum of one young person of either sex, to live in an environment away from their normal everyday lives, allowing time to reflect while gaining new experiences and skills.**

**Staff aboard are experienced carers and qualified skippers and have many years experience of working with young people over periods of time in the very different environment aboard a community afloat.**

**This provides a level of consistency different from 'normal' residential care and allows time for longer, more adventurous trips.**

**Waterworks has been providing care for young people since 1994.**

## **PHILOSOPHY**

The quality of the relationship which exist between adults and young people is an important element of a young persons engagement. Waterworks staff have a readiness to listen to young people and empathise with them, respect their thoughts and feelings and take their wishes into consideration. They have the capacity to accept young people for what they are and to challenge their behaviour when necessary.

Waterworks aims to provide a child centred positive service to young people which meets individual needs. The home promotes a culture and atmosphere where all service users are treated with unconditional positive regard and ensures all individuals involved in the service are treated with dignity and respect in an atmosphere of non-discriminatory practice.

***"Welcoming, supportive, knowledgeable and always willing to help. I felt very protected and reassured by the presence of the workers, These people clearly have passion and enthusiasm for the work that they do and genuinely care for young people. Workers were also knowledgeable about the localities that Waterworks went to and had clearly put lots of thought and research into where the boat would be moored".***

**Social Worker, North Hampton**