

Daniel was admitted to our home as a young man of 11 years of age who had been involved in numerous incidents of sexually abusive/inappropriate behaviour within his community. Daniel was considered a sexually reactive child who was given free rein and plenty of opportunity to continue his inappropriate behaviour. Daniel was a chronic school attendee and as a result intellectually inhibited. Due to the concerns around his inappropriate behaviour, which were to materialize even a year or so after his admission in terms of opportunities he had endeavored to create with older young people we continued to keep Daniel safe, restricted his opportunities for inappropriate behaviour and provided him with intensive education via our learning programme. This encompassed a high input of classroom activities coupled with educational visits, outdoor education and the kind of programme that we have talked much about. Now Daniel is approaching 18 years of age and as a result of starting off his independence programme with the Air Cadets despite not getting back into mainstream school, he went on to attend a local college of further education and has demonstrated that he has made up much lost ground in his education. He has achieved good grades in his courses, the second of which he has just completed. He received a special award for his achievement being highlighted as being an extraordinary student. Daniel is a good example of a young man who has been with us for some time and is approaching the point where we will be considering plans for him beyond Pear Tree, but his achievements to date must not go unrecognized.