

- **NB (1):** If a young person refuses to be accommodated under S20, the local authority has to be satisfied that the young person has been provided with all of the relevant information and that they are competent to make such a decision
- **NB (2):** The identification of vulnerable young people requires an understanding of what constitutes risk, and assessment is integral to this process. The following is not an exhaustive list: Pregnant or having dependent children, Mental health, Abused, Financial exploitation, Sustained physical disability, Learning difficulties, Serious physical illness, Domestic violence, substance misuse, Offending behaviour Victim of racial or other forms of harassment.
- **NB (3):** Young people aged between 18 24 and identified as medium risk could also have their homelessness duty discharged into the youth housing project as their costs would be covered by housing benefit.