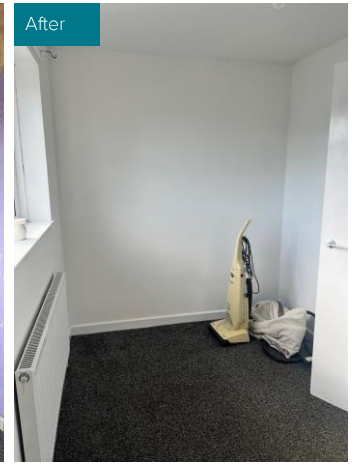
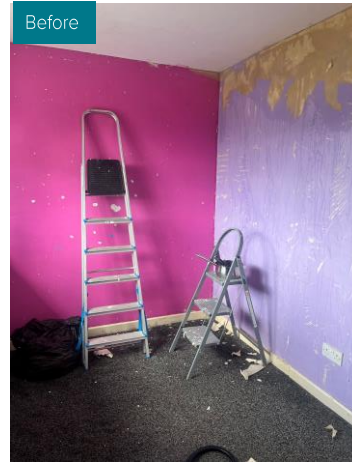


Case study

# Caring For Care Leavers – Renovation Project



## Our project in brief

Contract	Gartree 2
Start/End	2024 – 2028
Client	MOJ

Another fantastic Caring for Care Leavers project completed! Following the successful pilot of a care leaver renovation project with Leicestershire Cares, a second decorating project was organised for a young care leaver from Lutterworth. The ‘Caring for Care Leavers’ project involves Wates staff supporting Care Leavers with their sometimes-difficult

## Care Leavers

A care leaver is a young person between the ages 16-25 who lived in care for a minimum of 13 weeks since their 14th birthday. In the UK, there is an average of 10,000 care leavers per year.

journey of transferring to independent living. The support ranges from transporting and fitting of white goods, painting and decorating through to fitting new doors or laying new carpets. The package is bespoke to each care leaver's requirements and needs and once selected the process of implementing works is set in motion.

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Following a meeting to plan the activities and materials/volunteering the wheels were set in motion. Materials to carry out the painting and decorating were sourced via the Travis Perkins community project pot as well as the contract.

Once everything was collated, Wates volunteers Dale Powell, Caz Barrie and Joe Smith were joined by Amy from Leicestershire Cares and the renovation works started.

Over a two-day period, the kitchen was completely repainted from top to bottom with the domineering purple paint left by a former owner softened with white and sage throughout. The cupboards were rehung and the overhead light (which had been broken for months) fixed. The hall, stairs and landing were repainted with the same sage and white tones and the banister, and all skirting boards glossed.

A new bath panel was fitted, replacing the old rotting wooden board and finally the spare bedroom was brought back to neutral white after some garish pinks and yellow walls were discovered under 5 layers of wallpaper!

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I'm very pleased with the work that was carried out . Before the work was done the house was very dark and dull and filled with lots of different dark colours that made me feel very gloomy all the time. After the work was done it's made me feel so happy and encouraged me to make it my dream home. It's so much brighter and just lovely. I can't thank Dale and his team enough for the work that was carried out it's amazing and they were all so lovely.

**Rebecca**

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