

# Allocations Criteria

## 1. Policy Objective

- 1.1 To provide clear details of the procedure that needs to be followed by referral agencies who are considering nominating a single homeless person for housing in Trust accommodation.

## 2. Target Group

- 2.1 The scheme is designed to provide supported accommodation in a shared house for single homeless people to help them to find and prepare for a move into appropriate permanent accommodation and to find employment or vocational training opportunities.
- 2.2 Applications will be accepted from both individuals and agencies.

## 3. Referral Criteria

- 3.1 If the Trust is to achieve its purpose, we cannot accept everyone that is referred to us. To be admitted, therefore, referrals must;

- **be 18 years of age or over**

we are currently unable to admit anyone aged under 18

- **be homeless or in housing need**

we may exclude people deemed to be intentionally homeless

- **be single**

we cannot provide accommodation for couples, and we cannot resettle couples. We have no facilities for dependent children.

- **have an identifiable support need that indicates they would not achieve independence without the support we offer**

we are funded by Kent County Council Supporting People to provide support and therefore we cannot work with those individuals who are homeless but have no other support needs.

- **have ambitions and the capability to live independently, and be willing to accept and participate in a programme of support to that end**

we cannot work with applicants who would need to stay with us for indefinite periods e.g. individuals with significant learning or physical disabilities. Applicants who refuse to engage with education, training or employment will not be accepted.

- **be able to live in shared accommodation with people with similar support needs**

applicants with recent evidence of persistent and/or serious anti-social behaviour, such as arson, sexual assault or burglary are likely to cause significant disruption and cannot be accepted. Furthermore, we may exclude applicants who present significant support issues, such as alcohol or drug dependencies, a propensity to offend, or patterns of anti-social behaviour, if the applicant cannot demonstrate a sincere intention to tackle those issues

- **to be realistically able to achieve independence within 2 years**

our funding allows residents to be supported by us for a maximum of two years and therefore applicants who are unlikely to fit this criterion, for whatever reason, will not be accepted.