

Admissions Policy

1. Policy Objective

- 1.1 To provide clear details of the procedure that needs to be followed by persons self-referring and by referral agencies who are considering nominating a single homeless person for the Trust's accommodation and support service.
- 1.2 The operation of the Admissions Policy shall be non-discriminatory in nature as required by our *Equal Opportunities Policy*.

2. Target Group

- 2.1 The scheme is designed to provide supported accommodation in shared housing for single homeless adults with low to medium support needs.
- 2.2 Applications will be accepted from both individuals and agencies.

3. Admissions 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**
- **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**
- **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 agree to engage with community support agencies with particular reference to mental health, offending and substance misuse support where appropriate and/or with appropriate education, training or employment will not be accepted.
- **be able to live in shared in accommodation with people with similar support needs**
applicants with recent histories of persistent and/or serious anti-social behaviour, such as arson, sexual offending or burglary are likely to cause significant disruption and may not be accepted. The Trust also reserves the right not to accommodate applicants with unsupported alcohol, drug or mental health issues. 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 by engaging with appropriate support.

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- **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.

