

Kent Resettlement Project

a Langley House Trust

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This **12-bed project** (for **male and female ex-offenders and those at risk of offending aged 18+**) provides dispersed, supported housing for men and women. NB: *female residents are housed on a separate site and supported by an all-female staff-ing team with expertise in this field.*

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Established in 2003, the Kent Resettlement Project specialises in providing care and support in semi-independent accommodation. This is provided in 4 houses, each of which has a lounge, a kitchen/dining area, 3 single bedrooms, a bathroom and toilet.

Location

The project is located in the Medway area, which has good transport links and a range of local amenities.

Programme

The project aims to provide a safe, welcoming and supportive environment for ex-offenders and those at risk of offending. It seeks to provide resettlement support to individuals who are striving for independence and works to enable service users to be reunited with their family where this is appropriate. Assistance is provided with budgeting, accessing education, training and employment opportunities and staff work hard to help residents develop their potential.

Activities, training opportunities and community links

The project is committed to helping residents use their time constructively. It has excellent connections with local agencies which enable service users to access training opportunities, voluntary placements and undertake personal development courses. The project is also well supported by local agencies committed to helping individuals with a history of alcohol or drug dependence and related conditions.

A number of resident-led social events are arranged throughout the year, enabling service users to network with residents from other houses.

Staffing and safety

Due to the mix of male and female residents, the project has an all-female team of 5, led by a Project Manager and Deputy Project Manager. Staff are available on a daily, visiting support basis and provide out of hours emergency cover. Staff carry personal alarms at all times.

Eligibility for the project

Priority will be given to referrals from Kent in the first instance and from local prisons. Residents should not require intensive 24-hour support, should not present a risk to lone female workers and should be ready for this stage of resettlement.

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Housing conditions

Depending on their accommodation, some residents sign up to an Assured Shorthold Tenancy Agreement, others to a Licence Agreement. All are expected to be working towards their own agreed goals and to participate in the life of the project. House meetings take place regularly and provide an opportunity for information to be shared and discussed.

Rules and expectations

Kent Resettlement Project provides a safe, welcoming environment for individuals needing to be supported whilst they develop confidence and independence. The Trust has a set of standard house rules which has been produced in collaboration with staff and residents from all projects. These are available in the Referral Pack, on our website and in each project's service user guide. These outline our expectations around the payment of the rental charge, not using drugs or alcohol on the premises and the need to demonstrate good behaviour towards staff and other residents. From time to time extra rules may be agreed to ensure the smooth running of individual houses, but these are kept to a minimum and are reviewed with residents at regular house meetings.

Equal opportunities and confidentiality

We are committed to achieving equal opportunities for all residents. Religion, race, nationality, disability and sexual orientation will not form any part of the selection procedure. We will challenge any discriminatory behaviour within the project. Staff provide each resident with a confidentiality policy by means of which they seek to safeguard and keep secure all confidential information regarding an individual resident. Information recorded by Project Workers should, as part of the open record keeping policy, be shared on a regular basis in keyworking sessions.

How to apply

For an informal discussion, please contact the project direct (details in information panel).

Formal referrals should be made using a Langley House Trust Referral Pack available from the project or from Central Services.

The level of risk to the public, staff and residents will be the principal determining factor in offering a place. The project has good links with the local Probation Service and local Mental Health Services.