

Langdon House

Langdon House, a large Victorian residence, specialises in working with a wide range of ex-offenders. The project provides accommodation for 13 men aged 25 plus. All rooms are single, furnished and have a washbasin. There are showers and bathrooms situated on the first floor. Residents assist the staff in the preparation of meals and with the cleaning and general upkeep of the project. Langdon House aims to enable former offenders to address their physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs within a caring and supportive environment.

Local Community

The nearby towns of Poole and Bournemouth have cinemas, theatres and sports facilities including swimming pools. The project is close to a local shopping centre. There is a comprehensive bus service but most residents walk into Poole town centre. The rail station is less than a mile away and there is a coach station in Poole.

Staff

Staff at Langdon House provide twenty-four hour cover and are committed to offering support to people in an atmosphere providing security and encouragement.

Personal Support Plans

Each person will be allocated a Key Worker. The resident and Key Worker draw up a Personal Development Plan. This is reviewed on a regular basis so that staff can support residents as they work toward move-on into independent accommodation.

Opportunities

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the local opportunities available and to develop new skills. Local NACRO and college courses are available. Links are also available with Adult Education in order to improve literacy and computer skills. Residents are encouraged to develop life skills, in areas such as budgeting, cooking and health and safety, which can be delivered in-house.

Conduct

Rules are kept to a minimum, but some are necessary:

- Behaviour to one another and guests is expected to be of a reasonable standard.
- Alcohol and drugs are not allowed inside the project. (Prescribed medication is held and distributed by staff.)
- Guests are not allowed in resident's bedrooms and must remain on the ground floor.
- Residents are expected to be active in seeking employment or training.
- Residents are required to keep their rooms clean and assist in cleaning communal areas.
- Residents are expected to take part in a rehabilitation programme where appropriate.

Length of Stay

Not all residents have the same needs. Length of stay at Langdon House is defined by the needs of each resident. Each referrer will identify sources of funding, some of which may be time limited. In all instances the aim is to help individuals towards crime-free independence.

Conditions of Residency

Before we can assess an application, prospective residents are asked to sign a Data Processing Consent form. To ensure the project runs satisfactorily, new residents are required to sign up to the house rules which also include a section on

responsibilities. All residents will need to sign a Resident's Licence Agreement. Residents will be given a handbook which includes important information about living at a Langley House Trust project.

Referrals

Referrals in the first instance should be made to Langdon House. The level of risk to the public, staff and residents will be the principle determining selection. Those considering coming may be asked to spend home leave with us by arrangement with a Probation Officer. Referrals from outside the Dorset area need to be discussed with Bournemouth Probation Office as well as Langdon House.

Equal Opportunities and Confidentiality

Langdon House is committed to achieving equal opportunities for all. Religion, race, nationality, disability, age and sexual orientation will not form part of the selection criteria. We will challenge any discriminatory attitude within the project. The staff provide each resident with a confidentiality policy by means of which they seek to safeguard and keep secure all confidential information received regarding an individual.

For Further Information

Staff at Langdon House welcome enquiries from those considering making a referral. We would also encourage prospective referrals to visit us. If you require further information please contact us.

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