

Caritas House Accommodation Project

A pathway out of homelessness



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Caritas House aims:

Caritas House provides high-quality, single-room accommodation with 24-hour support for 19 single homeless men.

It provides a pathway out of homelessness with support for residents to improve their health and wellbeing and to develop their independent living skills before moving into their own independent tenancies.

Residents can take part in on-site activities and be linked in with other support services, education, training and volunteering opportunities.

We aim to provide a physiologically informed environment where people feel safe and valued and have the time and space to develop skills and confidence and achieve their goals.

Facilities include:

- A staffed reception
- A large, shared dining room with a TV and computer
- Two shared kitchens with lockable food cupboards for each resident
- An internal courtyard garden
- A support room for meeting key workers and other agencies
- Five accessible shower rooms
- Laundry room with washers and dryers
- Free Wi-Fi throughout the building
- Bike store and secure car park



Nineteen individual bedrooms, each containing:

- Bed and bedding
- Large wardrobe and storage space
- TV
- Easy chair
- Fridge
- Bedside table and lamp
- Fifteen rooms have an ensuite toilet and sink



Accessibility:

- Level access with a lift to the first floor
- Accessible bathrooms
- Accessible kitchen



Staffing:

- Manager and on-call manager 24/7
- 24/7 staffing by support staff with managed reception
- Project workers working 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
- Health Link Worker working 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
- Housekeeping and maintenance staff ensuring a high quality environment

Support:

Our support model is based on a strengths-based, person centred and trauma informed approach which helps to foster independence and resilience.

- Each resident has a key worker who they meet individually on a weekly basis to set and work on personal goals around housing, health, finances, education and training etc.
- There is a programme of on-site activities and group work sessions which residents can take part in.
- External support agencies can visit residents on site.
- Residents will be encouraged and supported to access specialist support and services in the community.

Outcomes for residents will include:

- Improved health and wellbeing
- Gaining independent living skills
- Gaining financial management skills
- Support to take up education, training, voluntary work, and employment
- Support to move on to independent tenancies

Criteria for applications:

- Men aged 18+
- Homeless and living in temporary accommodation or waiting to be discharged from hospital
- Needing support to find and prepare for independent living
- Willingness to pay £25 per week service charge
- Low needs/risk

Referral process

- Agencies can make referrals via the Manchester Access and Support Gateway (MAS)
- Agencies who do not have access to MAS can contact the office directly for more information
- People who match the criteria for the project will be invited to come and look round and meet the staff and decide if the project will suit their needs
- They will then be told if they have been accepted and will be invited to move in or, if the project is full, will be placed on a waiting list.