

# Andrew House, Clevedon

**Andrew House is a supported housing project for men recovering from chemical addiction.**

## **Mission**

To provide accommodation for up to 11 residents with medium support needs in a supportive, stimulating and safe environment, enabling them to make life changes and develop so that they are able to move on into successful independent living.

Clients will be required to engage in work-related training, voluntary work and/ or employment. The aim is to work in partnership with individuals and focus on supporting them into meaningful employment.

## **Location**

The support is delivered in a detached Victorian house situated near the sea front in Clevedon. It has easy access to buses, supermarkets, medical services and other local facilities. A variety of leisure opportunities are available in the town including gyms, a swimming pool, and cinema. Training courses are available through colleges in North Somerset and Bristol, as well as those provided by Alabaré.

## **Staff**

Two full-time staff members are based at Andrew House. An on-call manager is also available if needed. Alabaré has been an Investor in People since 2001.

## **Aims**

- To enable service users to have the skills and confidence to move on to independent accommodation.
- To enable service users to build constructive and positive relationships within the community.
- To encourage an awareness of personal responsibility around safety and security.
- To enable service users to enjoy, identify and pursue their aspirations through training, education, employment and hobbies thus increasing their confidence and self worth.
- To increase awareness around physical and mental and spiritual wellbeing and enable service users to access services which address those needs.

## **Eligibility and referrals**

Andrew House accepts referrals from treatment centres and individuals seeking supported accommodation. Those applying must have been alcohol/drug free for a minimum of 12 weeks and there must be a willingness to change.

## **Individual Support Plans**

All residents are allocated their own key worker and together agree a support plan based on a thorough assessment of their individual needs. Staff are also able to signpost residents to other service providers where necessary. Residents are required to attend in-house key working sessions and encouraged to participate in training, volunteering and/or work. Undertaking maintenance work around the house e.g. decorating bedrooms and common areas will be part of the programme for each client.

## **Length of stay**

Staff aim to support residents to move on to independent living which may be locally (private rented is the realistic option in North Somerset) or in another area. A stay of up to 2 years is possible.

## **Facilities**

Andrew House consists of single bedrooms each with a hand basin. Each resident has keys for their room. There is a shared lounge, games room, two shared kitchens and equipment includes a well used pool table, internet connected computer and large TV. There is also a garden, tended by residents, with a fish pond.

## **Training**

Each client's existing experience, skills and aptitude will be assessed and appropriate training and development will be offered including in relation to the agreed work opportunities. Residents may be referred to Alabaré's Home & Money programme which provides Tenancy skills training. Further training opportunities are available through the local colleges.

## **Funding**

This project is funded by charitable giving from the local community, surplus from the operation of social enterprise(s) and the payment of rent (usually using Housing Benefit). A small service charge is applied.

## **Equal opportunities and confidentiality**

Alabaré believes in equal opportunities and will not discriminate against service users on any basis. All information about services users is regarded as confidential and safeguarded.

## **For further information**

Please contact Tina O'Brien, North Somerset Services Manager on 07900 938766 or email [t.o'brien@alabare.co.uk](mailto:t.o'brien@alabare.co.uk).

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