

Supported Living, Amesbury

Mission

To deliver person centred support and accommodation to adults with learning disabilities, enabling inclusion, independence, choice and respect.

Location

A pair of semi-detached houses located near the town centre of Amesbury. Leisure opportunities are available close to the town including a leisure centre, and local schools hold a number of activities and training opportunities. The town centre also offers a choice of shops and restaurants.

Staff

Staff provide cover on an individual needs basis and overnight sleep over cover at one of the houses.

Aims

- To enable clients to develop their daily living domestic and practical skills, supporting clients to remain safe and secure.
- To enable clients to build their confidence within the wider community and have the ability to access other agencies and health care.
- To encourage an increased awareness of personal responsibility around safety and security.
- To enable clients to enjoy, identify and pursue their aspirations through training, education, employment and hobbies thus increasing their confidence and self worth.

Eligibility and referrals

Adults from 18 with a learning disability. Self referrals or those via social services.

Personal Support Plans

All residents are allocated a key worker and together agree support plan goals based on a thorough person-centred assessment of their individual needs. Clients receive personalised support with issues such as understanding their tenancy agreements, managing their finances and dealing with benefit claims. Staff also provide emotional support and help signpost to other services and agencies where necessary.

Clients can remain living in these houses for as long as the project continues to meet their individual needs, with opportunities move to a house with less support hours if appropriate.

If Alabaré is unable to meet the client's needs, staff will work with other professionals to ensure appropriate housing is found and offered.

Training and personal development

Support with shopping, budgeting, cooking and

hygiene is available and residents take part in day activities or voluntary/paid employment. In-house training is available and residents are offered the opportunity to work towards a N.P.T.C. award. We have one allotment in Salisbury where clients are welcome to grow their own vegetables. Weekly activities include football and basketball at a local leisure centre.

Clients have opportunities to take part in an annual fun day and pantomime. We can also support clients in learning new languages, to help when going on their holidays.

Facilities

Each house consists of three single bedrooms and a communal kitchen, lounge, separate dining room, and conservatory for all clients to use. A sunny garden is also enjoyed and residents are encouraged to help with its maintenance and keeping the house clean.

Policies

- Licence agreement to be signed on acceptance.
- No smoking inside the house.
- 24 hour clients access.
- Visitors permitted.
- Overnight guests (other clients living in the house are asked for agreement).
- Complaints, suggestions and harassment forms available in an accessible format.
- There is a client handbook in each house.
- We hold monthly client forums, where each house chooses a representative to discuss any problems and put forward suggestions.

Funding

These projects can be funded by social care, direct payments or individualised budgets or self-funded for support needs. If support needs are funded by social care they may have to pay a contribution. Clients are supported to apply for housing benefit if eligible and are responsible for the weekly rent and an accommodation charge.

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 the Supported Living Manager on 07990 513225 or email r.telford@alabare.co.uk

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