

Alabaré Gloucestershire Home for Veterans

Alabaré's Gloucestershire Home for Veterans is a supported housing programme for ex-Service personnel who are homeless and have a range of support needs.

Mission

To provide supported accommodation to 11 veterans with low to medium support needs in a responsive and safe environment enabling them to make life changes and develop so that they are able to move on to successful independent living.

Location

The project currently consists of two houses in Gloucester, within walking distance of the city centre. Local leisure opportunities include a leisure centre and cinema, and training courses are available through the local Learn Direct Centre and College.

Staff

The project is staffed 75 hours per week by 2 staff members with staff on site between 9am and 5pm. Between 5pm and 9am there is a duty on call system. Alabaré has been an Investor in People since 2001.

Aims

- To enable residents to have the skills and confidence to move on to sustainable independent accommodation.
- To enable residents to build constructive and positive relationships within the wider community.
- To encourage an awareness of personal responsibility around budgeting, safety and security.
- To enable residents 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 wellbeing and enable service users to access appropriate health and mental welfare services.

Eligibility and referrals

Referrals are accepted from local support agencies, other charities, The Royal British Legion, local prisons; we also accept self referrals. All residents must have served in the British Armed Forces. They must be homeless or be in insecure accommodation, have support needs and be willing to engage with the support on offer.

Personal Support Plans

All residents are allocated a key worker and together

agree a support plan based on a thorough assessment of their individual needs. Staff signpost residents to appropriate agencies, including counselling services, drug & alcohol agencies and support groups, CAB and NHS services. Resettlement support is also provided with Outreach Support available where individual need exists.

Length of stay

Average stay is 6 to 8 months; max stay is 1 year.

Facilities

All residents have their own bedroom and houses have shared facilities include a residents' lounge with TV, digital box and DVDs, dining room and kitchen.

Training

Budgeting skills, healthy eating, shopping skills, life skills for independent living and confidence building.

Policies

- Licence agreement to be signed on acceptance.
- No alcohol or drugs allowed in the house.
- No smoking is allowed in the house. There is a smoking area in the rear garden.
- No pets are allowed.
- 24 hour residents access as all residents have their own key.
- Visitors are permitted until 10pm.
- Complaints/Harassment/Appeal procedure for residents is in place.

Funding and external reviews

The project is supported by funding from ABF - The Soldiers Charity, and many generous individuals. Residents pay rent (often covered by housing benefit though all residents need to pay a service 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

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