

Parent & Baby Project, Salisbury

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The Parent & Baby Project is a supported housing project for young parents and mums to be.

Mission

To provide accommodation to five parents who are either pregnant or with their babies, with low to 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.

Location

The Parent and Baby Project is a 5 bedroom house, approximately a 15 minute walk from the city centre. A local bus service runs from outside the door, with direct buses to the city centre and hospital. Leisure opportunities are available in the city including a leisure centre and cinema, and training courses are available through the local Learn Direct centre, Connexions and Wiltshire College, in addition to those provided by Alabaré.

Staff

One dedicated member of staff provides support, visiting the house on a daily basis Monday-Friday with some weekend work when necessary. An on-call system operates outside of these hours.

Aims

- To enable service users to have the skills and confidence to move on to independent accommodation.
- To enable service users to gain parenting skills.
- 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 wellbeing and enable service users to access health services.

Eligibility and referrals

Referrals are accepted via Wiltshire Council Homeless Team, via social care or direct to the project. Prospective residents must be aged 16 - 30 years old with support needs and either expecting or have a child.

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.

Length of stay

Average stay is 9 months but longer or shorter stays do happen.

Facilities

There are 5 bedrooms in the house and residents share a communal lounge and kitchen/dining area.

Training

Tenancy skills training is available by referral through the delivery of Alabaré's Home & Money programme. Further training opportunities are available through Wiltshire College and Alabaré's Barford Training Centre. A range of additional activities take place within the house such as cookery lessons, bingo nights and Baby Massage.

Policies

- Licence agreement to be signed on entry.
- No alcohol allowed.
- No smoking inside.
- 24 hour residents access.
- Visitors permitted between 9am & 10pm week nights and at weekends.
- Complaints/Harassment procedure for residents

Funding and external reviews

This project is funded by the St Denys Charitable Trust.

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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