

# North Somerset Supported Housing

**I.N.V.E.S.T. is a supported housing project for adults with support needs, which focuses on building skills and confidence to enable successful independent living.**

## **Mission**

To provide accommodation for 13 residents with low to medium support needs in a supportive, stimulating and safe environment, enabling them to learn life skills and develop so that they are able to move on into successful independent living.

## **Location**

Accommodation will be provided across North Somerset. Phased support is available, enabling residents to receive support appropriate to their needs, and transition to lower levels of support before moving on into independent housing. Training courses are available through colleges in North Somerset and Bristol, as well as those provided by Alabaré.

## **Staff**

1 full time manager and 3 part time staff members provide support from 9am - 5pm, with an emergency on-call service available outside of these hours. 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**

Adults from 18 with a support need. Referrals can be accepted via [absreferrals@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:absreferrals@n-somerset.gov.uk) or alternatively contact the service manager.

## **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 or work.

## **Length of stay**

Staff aim to support residents to move on to more independent living which may be locally or in another area. The average stay is 12-18 months.

## **Facilities**

Each home will have either three or four bedrooms. Some are likely to have en-suite, as well as having a communal bathroom. Each resident will have their own keys for their room. There will be a shared lounge and kitchen.

## **Training**

Training opportunities are available through the local colleges.

## **Conditions of residency**

All residents are provided with a Licence Agreement and Support Agreement on acceptance into the house, both of which they must sign and comply with.

## **Funding**

The support service is funded by North Somerset Council Supporting People. Each property is funded through rental income from Housing Benefit (there may be some additional charges e.g. for personal heat and light.)

## **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 us on 07810 772914 or email [m.hitchings@alabare.co.uk](mailto:m.hitchings@alabare.co.uk)

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