

## General criteria for accepting a person as a client for the Project

The project operates shared housing with low support. Staff are not available in the houses and only available to clients during working hours.

The following criteria are considered essential for clients who would like to live in a Project house.

1. Homeless, potentially homeless and those with a compelling need to move.
2. Wanting to change and making personal progress.
3. No statutory duties apply.
4. All tenants will be required to enter into a personal support plan with a key-worker and this will include action required by the tenant to move on to accommodation of his/her own. If the client is not in employment, education or volunteering, he/she will be expected to attend one support group a week.
5. Little or no resources for deposit and on low income/benefit.
6. Living as a single person and capable of taking financial responsibility for a tenancy via earnings or benefit.
7. Ability to manage and cope with own accommodation. If a difficulty is noted, this must be within the ability of the Project staff to cope.
8. Evidence of alcohol and/or drug problems will prevent an application being successful. "Problems" are defined as situations where the use of drugs or alcohol is likely to cause anti-social behavior or difficulty in paying rent.
9. The crime of arson will bar application to the project.
10. The crime of violence will generally bar application to the project.
11. Borderline mental health, emotional health or learning difficulties are acceptable subject to "ability to manage/cope" with appropriate available support from staff, family and friends.
12. Provision of suitable identification and a reference.
13. The expected period of stay in the project house will be 2 years.