



...working to end homelessness in Gravesham

Report on our Second Operational Year December 2018 – November 2019

A Christian project delivering a supportive community to those who previously had no home, with the aim of sustainable independent living.

Governance

Barnabas House is a project of Extending Grace Int'l, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered with the Charity Commission 1160866). The Board of Trustees meets every six months and the Management Committee convenes quarterly.

Overview:

We currently have 8 beds in-between two houses in Northfleet and Gravesend.

Referrals

The figures in the table below show the amount of referrals we had from different local agencies and the number of people offered accommodation within our service during the year.

Referral Agency	No. of Referrals	Places Offered
Porchlight	32	6
Sanctuary	2	0
Dartford Shelter	0	0
National Probation Service	20	9
House of Mercy	8	3
CGL	6	2
Gravesham Borough Council	10	4
Salvation Army	0	0
TOTAL	68	24

Occupancy

All eight bedrooms have been occupied for the whole year with only few void weeks, representing a total occupancy level of **99.0%**.

Outcomes

Destination	No of Residents
Independent Living	2
Independent Living with Employment	1
License Agreement Terminated	9
Voluntary Move On	4
Currently Resident	8

Interventions

Full Housing Management were provided to ensure residents maintained their accommodation.

Good relations have been developed with all referral agencies and partnerships forged with other service providers to create an integrated service for our residents. Support Work was provided to monitor and improve physical/mental health and wellbeing and to maintain long-term recovery from addiction. Four residents were referred to independent Addiction beat (CGL) in order to receive Professional Psychotherapy and two residents to Live Well Kent, a service of Porchlight. Agreed Personal Support Plans have included creating volunteering and work placement opportunities.

As part of the residents' safety measures, there are full working CCTV systems installed in each house.

We had minimal Rent Arrears which was due to couple of residents that abandoned their rooms without any notice and a small amount of Service Charge that was agreed to be waived as part of one resident's move on arrangements.

Highlights

Our residents were introduced to other community groups to help restore a community garden in Northfleet, outcome of which they celebrated with a big community BBQ.

Next Plans:

We aim to acquire our third house within the next year. There are also plans to establish a weekly get together opportunity called LIFTED with the aim of creating a job club and social enterprise.

This would not be possible without your wonderful support. I'm so very grateful to both our time-givers and financial donors. On behalf of all the present residents and those to come, Thank You.

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