

Housing

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Butler Gardens is a ten-bedroom supported housing scheme, which provides an abstinence-based environment for vulnerable men and women committed to tackling their substance misuse.

Butler Gardens operates under the Supporting people framework (see link to their web site) and access to Butler Gardens is via a referral process from other agencies providing that a room is available or likely to be so within the foreseeable future.

Length of stay is dependent upon needs and availability of other accommodation; however, an average length of stay would be between 4-6 months. During this time, assistance is given in accessing treatment for substance abuse and access to voluntary work, training, education or employment is also available.

Rent is charged for a room at Butler Gardens and use of the shared facilities, together with service charges for shared and individual facilities; however, most of this charge can normally be covered by Housing Benefits. Staff are able to assist with this process and with completion of the necessary forms.

Residents are allocated a support worker from the Butler Gardens team who meet regularly with each resident to assist with any issues which may arise and offer advice to help people to achieve their potential.