



## Just Homes Conditions of Residence

We provide accommodation and support for women with children, or who are pregnant, have no recourse to public funds and are homeless. The goal is to support residents while they process Home Office applications and, when granted stay, to help them towards move on to suitable accommodation. The conditions of residence have been designed to foster an atmosphere that develops co-operation, family ethos, parenting skills, personal development and preparation for move on.

### **False/withheld information.**

Any withheld or false information at application, interview, or subsequently could result in termination of licence.

**Any breach of the following conditions of residence by residents or their visitors, could result in termination of licence. In the case of threat or risk to others (including substance use) this will be immediate termination of licence.**

### **Employment**

If residents do not have permission to work they are not allowed to take employment. If they are allowed to work they will be expected to actively seek suitable part time work which is compatible with childcare.

### **Licence charge/Benefits**

Working residents must pay an agreed amount towards bills.

### **Meetings**

Residents must attend one to one support meetings, group meetings and house meetings. These will be pre-arranged, Residents must give at least 24 hours' notice of inability to attend with good reason. In the case of one to one meetings residents must agree to another time. Persistent failure to attend could result in termination of licence.

### **Room**

Accommodation is provided in furnished bedrooms usually with the child(ren). Where possible/appropriate this may include a second room for children over 3. These rooms are not locked. You do not have exclusive use of your room, staff may enter to check rooms without notice. There will be regular health and safety inspections of resident's rooms. For the better management of the houses and taking into consideration the varying needs of individuals, residents may be required to change rooms. If you are not making use of your room regularly (4-5 nights a week) it will be assumed that you do not need it and your residence will be terminated unless you have made special arrangements with the staff. Residents are not allowed to redecorate or put pictures without the permission of the Support Worker. TVs are not allowed in bedrooms. Residents are not allowed pets or guests in their rooms. Residents must not enter other resident's bedrooms without permission.

### **Noise/Nuisance**

Residents must vacate the communal areas by 11pm. Noise in the house must be kept to a reasonable level all times. After 11pm there must be no noise outside the residents room and this is to be at a level that does not disturb others.

### **Visitors**

Only one visitor per resident is permitted without permission. They are only allowed in the communal areas, visitors are not permitted in residents rooms. You are responsible for your visitors, you must remain with them while on the premises. All visitors should leave the premises by 10 pm.

### **Duties in the House.**

As part of the resettlement programme residents will participate in a rota for cleaning communal areas, gardening etc. Cooking, washing up, clothes washing and tidying up after children is the responsibility of each parent and should be done in good time to enable others to use facilities.

### **Other Duties**

As part of the resettlement programme to give work-like experience and improve employability etc all residents are required to give up to 10 hours a week at either the cafe or shop associated with the project. This is on a rota basis. To enable this and the smooth running of the project, residents may also be required to provide childcare for the children of other residents while they do their shift or to leave their own children with other residents while on shift. At other times there may be reciprocal arrangements for childcare but the parent should always get agreement and give reasonable notice to whoever will be required to care for her children. Children should never be left alone in the house or left with other residents without first obtaining permission and parents should always inform the carer of the time they will return.



### **Parenting Support Group**

As part of our support package all residents are expected to attend We Are Family support group for mothers with children (unless agreed with staff otherwise). This is a weekly (Mon. am) session. Other parenting and training opportunities may be available and residents will be encouraged to gain skills and experience wherever possible.

### **Immigration Issues**

Residents are required to keep staff informed of progress with their Home Office applications. Support will be given in this process wherever possible.

### **Substance use**

Alcohol and drugs are not brought onto or used on the premises either by residents or visitors. Smoking is not permitted on the premises, this includes the garden.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour (*behaviour likely to cause alarm, harassment or distress to others*)**

We expect no anti social behaviour towards staff, residents, visitors, contractors and neighbours. This includes behaviour both inside and outside the house.

### **Move On**

Residents must move on when assessed by staff as ready. This may mean that they have a valid application with the Home Office and can apply to Social Services for support or have received permission to remain from the Home Office and are entitled to benefits etc. 1 months' notice will be given.

Address:

Name

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Date

Support Manager:

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Date