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Supporting People review endorses P3's Stonehill Service

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P3's Stonehill Lodge has delivered high quality and strategically planned housing-related services which are reliable, and complement existing care services. This needs led service is provided by P3 in working partnership with local government, service users and support agencies. Each service user is encouraged to be involved in the Service developing independent living skills depending on each individual's circumstances and choices.

This fantastic result was achieved by the outstanding P3 team and clients and was especially rewarding as it showed how well the older client group successfully engaged in client involvement.

'Our aim at the Stonehill Road Project is to provide a safe and secure environment ensuring that a quality service is delivered to meet the needs of each individual within the Service. We strive to ensure all clients are empowered to make their own choices; clients are encouraged to work in partnership with P3 staff to ensure that the service delivery is met'

explained Susan Brunt, Senior Support Worker at Stonehill Lodge.

P3's Stonehill service is an 11 bed house with large communal living room, dining room and kitchen which can be accessed by referrals from partner agencies.

The support offered at this project consists of needs identified by the individual partner agencies, Service User and the allocated Support Worker. An Individual Support Contract is implemented and agreed by the Support Worker and Service User which promotes maximum independence within the individual's own potential.

The practical support provided by Stonehill via 10 hours of support for each service user per week consists of:

- Help and assistance with benefit forms
- Signposting to other professional services
- Encouragement and opportunity for service users to be included in the local community
- Guidance and support regarding monitoring of mental health
- Provision of 3 meals a day along with Housekeeping facilities

The supporting people grant was introduced in 2003 by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM), paying for the support element previously included in the housing benefit payment.



On the 5th May 2006, the ODPM was disbanded and the Government introduced the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) lead by Ruth Kelly. A set of standards were produced; the Quality Assessment Framework, consisting of;

- Needs and Risk Assessments
- Support Planning
- Health, Safety and Security
- Protection from Abuse
- Fair Access, Diversity and Inclusion
- Complaints

The supporting people funding pays for tenancy related support
The Quality Assessment Framework levels are as follows;

level A: This denotes excellence and is associated with the provider striving to be a leaders in their field

Level B: The service has good practices and should be working towards achieving level A

Level C: The service is meeting the required minimum standards and there is scope for improvement

level D: the service is failing to meet the required standards and is operating at an acceptable level

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Notes to editors

P3 exists to operate services and create opportunities for vulnerable and disadvantaged people. It offers routes out of social exclusion and homelessness by providing a wide range of services including supported housing, hostels, link worker schemes and community support projects. Since 2002, P3 has grown from an organisation with an £800k turnover into an almost £7 million per annum, expanding social enterprise.

Martin Kinsella is one of England's Social Enterprise Ambassadors. The ambassadors are a group of inspiring social entrepreneurs who are raising awareness about social enterprise through events, interviews, blogs and other means. The programme is funded by the Cabinet Office and led by the Social Enterprise Coalition. www.socialenterpriseambassadors.org.

Social enterprises are dynamic and sustainable businesses with social and environmental aims. Well known examples include The Big Issue, Cafédirect and Jamie Oliver's Fifteen, but



there are many other social enterprises operating in a wide range of industries from farmers markets and recycling companies to transport and childcare providers.