

North Staffs Mind – Housing Service

North Staffs Mind's Housing Service exists to provide supported housing for people with mental health problems. Our aim is work with our tenants, and alongside other voluntary and statutory agencies, to provide the highest quality of life and the greatest degree of independence that is attainable for each of our individual tenants. Our Housing Service is funded by the Supporting People programme in Stoke-on-Trent and through Housing Benefit and rents.

Since August 2013 we have been working in a partnership arrangement with Brighter Futures, delivering – “**Partnership Housing & Floating Support**”. In addition to our supported housing we deliver units of floating support to service users who are not our tenants and require some time-limited support to stay in their own accommodation and maintain their independence in the community, or who are seeking and preparing for accommodation of their own and require pre-tenancy support.

North Staffs Mind Housing Service comprises the following accommodation:

- Three 5 bed group homes and one 2 bed group home owned by Midland Heart. We provide the housing management and support services for these properties.
- One 2 bed group home, one 4 bed group home, two x 1 bed flats, three x 1 bed flats and one x 2 bed flat. We own and maintain this accommodation in addition to providing support services within these properties.

The shared accommodation offers individual residents the privacy of their own room whilst being able to share with others facilities such as living and dining areas. The self-contained flats are suitable for people who feel that they can cope with more independent living whilst still having access to support when needed and 24 hour emergency call-out.

Our Housing Team comprises of seven members of staff who have a wealth of knowledge and experience of delivering supported housing to this client group. Our team operates from an office within the group homes complex.

Our properties are offered to individuals who have mental health problems and who are likely to require long-term visiting support to maintain a tenancy. Potential applicants for housing are expected to have a significant level of independence but require some support to maintain independent living, improve their life skills and social networks, and gain access to education, training and community resources such as day opportunities.