

West Berkshire Mencap is a local group originally known as Newbury Mencap and founded in 1954.

It operates from purpose built premises in Newbury and presently provides a variety of services that support people with learning disabilities and their families.

For further information about Heffernan House or the variety of other services available please contact Leila Ferguson or Paul Holland on

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West Berkshire Mencap is working with Greenham Common Trust to develop a supported living centre for young adults with learning disabilities.

Opening in the Spring of 2010 the project will provide high quality individual living units for people with special needs.

Each living unit will have a bedroom, en suite shower room and a living/dining room with kitchen facilities.

The remaining common areas will be utilised to ensure opportunities for social activities in addition to the location of an office for West Berkshire Mencap's new Domiciliary Care Agency that is in the process of being developed.

Contact

To find out more about Heffernan House and to discuss whether this project would be suitable for the client(s) you or your team represent or for a family member then please contact Leila Ferguson or Paul Holland on (01635) 41464 or via email at

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Heffernan House

An individual living accommodation for young adults who have learning disabilities and additional support needs including challenging behaviour.



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Making the most of Life

Aim of Heffernan House

The mission of West Berkshire Mencap is to provide high quality services for people with a learning disability, to listen to our members, to provide services they ask for and to help transform lives.

Heffernan House presents an opportunity to transform the lives of people by offering individual tenancies in a supported living environment to meet the needs of young people with a learning disability and additional challenging behaviours whose additional support needs may mean that accessing this type of accommodation can prove difficult.

The objective for meeting the social care need is client centred, personalised, outcome focussed support with a specific emphasis on choice designed to meet the key objectives of Valuing People Now (2009).

Location

Heffernan House is located very close to the centre of Newbury and all public amenities. This enables a high level of client choice in terms of available accessible services and methods of transportation. In addition it enables people with complex support needs to be fully involved with mainstream society should they choose to be.

Individual Living Units

Each individual living unit is offered as a separate lease thus ensuring each tenant has a home of their own. In addition the self contained nature of the units allows the tenants the flexibility of choice regarding meals and evening activities.

Person Centred Care Plans

All service users will have a detailed (and organic) person centred care plan to ensure that outcome focussed support needs will be met. This will cover health, physical (including personal care), emotional, spiritual, cultural, recreational and social needs in addition to offering life skills tuition and the development of independent living skills.

Risk Assessments

All service user activities will be fully risk assessed to ensure safety, to meet legal requirements and to comply with Care Quality Commission guidelines.

Staff

In addition to all CQC mandatory recruitment, vetting and training procedures all staff will be fully trained in working with people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. In addition training will be provided to meet any specialist care and support needs.

Employment and Day Opportunities

West Berkshire Mencap provide several opportunities for service users to access supported employment and day opportunities. Tenants at Heffernan House will be encouraged to access these services should other opportunities be unavailable or existing services are not in place.

Fees

This project has been specifically designed to meet the needs of young adults with challenging behaviour. As each individual has unique requirements each fee level is set accordingly. There is an emphasis on providing a quality service but with the acknowledgement that many organisations are experiencing budgetary constraints at present. To find out more please contact us.