

Statement of Purpose



Harry Priestley House

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Services and Facilities

Harry Priestley House is a delightful and tastefully renovated house, which stands in approximately one third of an acre of land. The grounds have been laid out for the enjoyment of the residents with a paved area designed to enable residents to sit out in the summer and admire the various planted areas, with a myriad of colourful flowers. There are also facilities for outdoor activities such as barbeques.

Harry Priestley House is able to accommodate 12 residents, both male and female, in centrally heated single rooms that meet or exceed the regulation standards of 10 m² of usable floor space.

The Home provides 24-hour support to people with mild to moderate learning disabilities, aged between 30 and 56 years old. Short term nursing care can be provided if necessary but would be

reviewed daily. A member of staff is on duty at the premises at night and another is on call for any emergencies in this residential setting.

Any personal care required by individuals will be carried out in the privacy of their own room or one of the four bathing areas, ensuring privacy and dignity are maintained.

On the ground floor, there are two communal TV lounges and a dining area. Also on the ground floor is one bathroom with a separate shower facility and a shower unit and four toilets. On the first floor there are two bathrooms and four toilets.

A fire escape is located at the side of the property. There is a pay phone situated on the ground floor for use by residents to

contact relatives and friends should they wish to do so. The manager's office is situated on the ground floor, giving easy access to residents, staff and visitors.

Each of the bedrooms is furnished with a single bed, wardrobe, set of draws and a lockable bedside cabinet. All rooms are carpeted and the Home provides bedding, towels and curtains. Residents are able to bring their own furniture into their rooms and are encouraged to personalise their rooms however they wish.

Residents are encouraged to register with a doctor of their choice within the local community and are provided with day services by the local social education centre where appropriate.

Menus are planned to incorporate a healthy eating plan within the choices offered and special diets are catered for. Relatives of residents are encouraged to visit regularly and stay and have meals with their family member.

All residents will be supported in following their individual religious and cultural beliefs and assistance will be provided to enable them to access their chosen place of worship should they wish to do so.

It is the policy of Masonic Care Ltd., and the intention of members of staff, that those who live in our Homes should do so with dignity, and that they should retain their independence, individuality and freedom of choice in so far as this is consistent with living within a community.

Residents are able to contribute to discussions about how the Home is run by attending the regularly held Residents' Meetings. In addition residents are very welcome to make suggestions and/or complaints about service provision at any of the monthly, unannounced statutory visit or at the monthly business visit made by the Business Operations Manager. Residents can speak to other members of the Homes' staff whenever they wish and all residents are given a copy of the Masonic Care Ltd. complaints policy when they move into the Home.

Social and other activities are an important aspect of the care at the Home. The Home is in, or near, the local community; local people are encouraged to visit and regular social events take place both inside and outside the Home. Residents are encouraged, and where possible, assisted, to pursue hobbies and past-times, even if such activities involve a degree of risk, provided always that there is no medical advice to the contrary.

Accommodation provided to residents is considered to be their own private space; residents have a key to their door and no one is permitted to enter their room without invitation or the residents' prior knowledge, except in an emergency. Residents are free to come and go from their accommodation as they wish and are advised to lock their doors when they leave their accommodation.

Residents may invite friends, family and receive visitors as they wish and entertain them in the privacy of their own

accommodation. In the event of a resident receiving a large number of visitors at one time the resident and their visitors will be able to make use of one of the sitting rooms in the Home, by prior arrangement with the Manager. Friends and family are

also very welcome to attend any functions held at the Home, as space permits.

Residents are able to take holidays if they wish. The full fee is payable in respect of absences.

Application to the Home

Initial contact with the Home can be made by telephone, in writing or via your Local Social Services Department if you prefer. You will be required to complete an application form and will be invited to visit the Home at your convenience.

Prior to admission an assessment of your care needs will be carried out by suitably trained staff at the Home and discussions will be held with relevant agencies and past associates to establish the amount of support you will require. Once all of the relevant information has been collated a decision will be made as to whether or not we can meet your needs.

Should your application be successful an introductory process will be put into place. This will consist of several invitations for tea visits, where you will be able to familiarise yourself with the surroundings, as well as meet and get to know residents and staff at Harry Priestley House. After

several visits you will then have an opportunity to visit for a full day, possibly at a weekend when all residents will be at home and the main activities of the week take place. From this visit, it is anticipated that an overnight stay will be the next stage in the 'moving in' process. After numerous overnight stays and provided that all parties involved are happy with developments, a date will be agreed for admission to Harry Priestley House.

We are very happy to assist you through the application procedures if you so require. You are most welcome to visit the Home at any time and visits should be arranged by contacting the Home Manager on 01405 814777. When you visit the Home you will be most welcome to talk to residents and ask them any questions. Members of staff will also be pleased to provide you with information and answer any queries you may have.

Fees for the Home

It is the policy of Masonic Care Ltd. to provide care for Masons and non Masons, regardless of their ability to pay

the full fee themselves, providing they have been assessed by the Local Authority and confirmation is received

stating that residential care is required and, where appropriate, funding by the LA is forthcoming. The fee structure and charging procedures of Masonic Care Ltd. are based on Central Government Fiscal Policy and the Community Care Act.

The minimum fee per person is currently £532 per week if funded by the Local Authority and £603 per week for those who are self funding (although each perspective residents' financial status will be assessed on an individual basis to determine their ability to pay the stated fees). All fees are reviewed on an annual basis.

The fee charged covers the cost of staffing costs and everyday living costs

such as heating, lighting, food, laundry, bedding, towels, curtains, renewals and replacement of furniture and equipment due to normal wear and tear. The fee also covers the cost of Local Authority day services that the resident accesses, along with bus fares to and from day services, if needed. The Home also provides 'basic' toiletries within the fee structure, for example soap, toothpaste, shaving materials, shampoo, etc.

The fees do not cover purchase of personal clothing, luxury items such as perfume, chocolates, gifts for self or others, outings and holidays, other than the holiday provided by the Home in line with the Care Standards Act 2000, Standard 14.4

The Residents' and Staff's Views of the Home

Below are the residents' and staff's views, taken from various sources, of the care and support provided at the Home.

"I liked the idea of coming to live at Harry Priestley House. I had plenty of opportunities to visit the Home before moving in, so I had a good idea of what to expect. I'm very happy living at the Home. I now do more for myself and live the life I want."

"Harry Priestley House is a very good place to live and the staff team are helpful and supportive."

"Over the years I have been fortunate to see significant changes in the lives of residents living at Harry Priestley House"

"At this moment in time I don't think that Harry Priestley House could do any better than what it is doing now."

Registered Provider

The RMBI is the registered provider on behalf of Masonic Care Ltd. Mr Kevin Harris, Executive Director of Care Operations, is the main contact at the RMBI and is contactable by writing to: RMBI, 60 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ. However, please contact the Home Manager in the first instance.

Kevin is a Registered Nurse (MH) and holds a Diploma in Management. He has over 25 years' experience in the care industry, having had extensive responsibility in providing direct care as a Registered Nurse and over the last 15 years in a variety of Senior Management posts.

Registered Manager

Mr Mark Lewis is the Home Manager at Harry Priestley House. The Home Manager holds NVQ level 4 and has completed the Registered Managers Award.

The Home Manager is in charge of the day-to-day running of the Home and is responsible for the welfare of the residents. The Home Manager is registered with the Care Quality Commission

Staff at the Home

Deputy Home Manager

The Deputy Home Manager is responsible for the running of the Home in the absence of the Home Manager. She assists with the supervising of support workers, link workers and any relief workers, which may be employed from time to time.

Support Workers

Support Workers act as key workers for residents and support them with activities of daily living. As part of their role, support

workers also arrange activities, holidays and social events with residents. Support Workers prepare and cook meals, carry out domestic duties, such as laundry, bed making, etc.

It is their responsibility to ensure relevant paperwork is updated on a daily basis and regular reviews of residents' care plans are carried out as stated in regulation 15(1) of the Care Standards Act 2000.

Link Workers

The Link Workers assist the Support Workers in carrying out the above tasks. There are also Night Link Workers. Harry Priestley House has a commitment to training its staff team to the highest standard and currently has five members

of staff qualified to NVQ level 3 or working towards this, and a further nine qualified to NVQ level 2 or working towards this. Harry Priestley House also has a rolling program of statutory training for each staff member as required by the Care Quality Commission

Terms and Conditions

If you decide to move into the home you will be issued with a Residents' Agreement (a statement of the terms and conditions of your residence with Masonic Care Ltd.). Once you have had some time to settle into your new home you will be expected to enter into a binding agreement for accommodation and care. It is our hope that residents moving into

Harry Priestley House choose to live in our Home for the rest of their lives, however should we be unable to meet a resident's need due to changes in their long term health care requirements, or a resident chooses to leave the home permanently or a contract is terminated due to irreconcilable differences, four weeks notice is required by both parties.

Regulatory Body of Care Homes for Younger Adults

The Home is subject to regulation (The Health & Social Care Act 2008) and is regularly inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC); a copy of the latest report is attached for your information. You are welcome to contact the local office of the Care Quality Commission should you wish.

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Citygate
Gallowgate
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 4PA

Telephone: 03000 616161

Email: enquiries@cqc.org.uk

Website: www.cqc.org.uk

You are also welcome to contact the local social services department based at:

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
Social Services Directorate
Council House
College Road
Doncaster
DN1 1BR

If you are applying to the Home from outside the area, we will be happy to provide information on how to contact the social services department in your own local area.