



...working to end homelessness in Gravesham

## Report on our First Operational Year December 2017 – November 2018

A Christian project delivering a supportive community to those who previously had no home, with the aim of sustainable independent living.

### Governance

Barnabas House is a project of Extending Grace Int'l, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered with the Charity Commission 1160866). The Board of Trustees has met quarterly and the Management Committee convened every 3 months.

### Referrals

Referral Agency	No. of Referrals	Places Offered
Porchlight	27	3
Sanctuary	2	
Dartford Shelter	2	1
National Probation Service	10	2
CGL	4	2
Gravesham Borough Council	1	1
Salvation Army	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>9</b>

### Occupancy

All four bedrooms have been occupied for the whole year with only few void weeks, representing a total occupancy level of **99.5%**.

### Outcomes

Destination	No of Residents
Independent Living	1
Independent Living with Employment	0
License Agreement Terminated	1
Voluntary Move On	3
Currently Resident	4

## **Interventions**

Full Housing Management has been provided to ensure residents maintain their accommodation. No Rent Arrears have accrued, apart from a small amount of Service Charge that was agreed to be waived as part of one resident's move on arrangements.

Support Work has been provided to monitor and improve physical/mental health and wellbeing and to maintain long-term recovery from addiction. Two residents have been referred to independent Addiction beat (CGL) in order to receive Professional Psychotherapy.

As part of the residents' safety measures, a full working CCTV system has been installed.

Agreed Personal Support Plans have included creating volunteering and work placement opportunities.

Good relations have been developed with all referral agencies and partnerships forged with other service providers to create an integrated service for our residents.

## **Highlights**

Our residents were introduced to other community groups to help restore a community garden in Northfleet, outcome of which they celebrated with a big community BBQ.

## **Next Plans:**

To start the 2<sup>nd</sup> House

There are also plans to establish a weekly get together opportunity called LIFTED with the aim of creating a job club and social enterprise.

This would not be possible without your wonderful support. I'm so very grateful to both our time-givers and financial donors. On behalf of all the present residents and those to come – Thank You.

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