



The Old Vicarage

The Old Vicarage is an eight bedroomed residential home located in a leafy, residential road, ten minutes walk from Uxbridge town centre and close to excellent public transport routes. The Old Vicarage has a well established, friendly and professional staff team.

An ongoing training package is provided for all staff to ensure that they are kept up to date on current research, practise & issues relating to Autistic spectrum disorders.



In addition, staff are trained in accordance with legislative implementation and maintain a high quality delivery of service through the regulatory body of CQC (The Care Quality Commission), whom inspect and review the service provision.

Our Mission Statement

"Our Mission is to recognise our duty to provide services of the highest quality to adults with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder, designed to maximise their ability and minimise their disability through a person-centred approach, individual support package which meets individual's needs towards independence whilst promoting self esteem."

Our Vision

"It is our aim to actively encourage service users to cater for their own needs and diversify their range of abilities as much as possible. Therefore residents are involved in all aspects of their care package in order to help them make decisions which affect their lives and increase their skills base. The use of structured planning and timetables ensure that staff work positively and consistently and in response to service user choice."

We are able to support a range of diverse needs within the home and take pride in ensuring that our service users are given the opportunity to develop in a supportive and responsive environment whilst promoting understanding of autistic spectrum disorders.



Our objectives for the provision of service are:

- To recognize individuals needs and promote an understanding of their diagnosis.
- To Provide and develop a needs led care package for individual.
- A consistent, quality staff team, who are understanding of and responsive to the needs of the individual.
- To provide a homely, stable, attractive and safe environment.



- To promote an active role in promoting choice, rights, dignity, independence and respect.
- To access & liaison with other relevant healthcare professionals.
- Constant review of the service in order to aspire to provide the best quality service available.

Our aim for service users are that they:

- Participate as independently as possible in all areas of life to encouraged & increase their skill base.
- Supported to access, investigate new ideas, activities, experiences and goals.
- Recognise & enhance their self-esteem, self worth, confidence and personal identity.
- Enhance & develop communication skills, cognitive abilities and coping strategies.



Facilities

The home itself is set within large front and rear gardens, giving privacy from the road. We have free facilities for laundry and cooking, together with many recreational facilities such as Sky TV, games consoles, pool table, payphone & a computer room with internet access. The home has four communal rooms located on the ground floor, allowing plenty of space for privacy or to join others for a game of cards or a meal!



In addition to the communal areas our large enclosed garden space provides access to: basketball & football facilities, a trampoline, many outdoor games, & BBQ area.

Within the garden, we also have a large 'well-being room' set within a swiss chalet style building, whereby consultation sessions can take place or provide an alternative space to relax without distractions.

There is an outdoor, sheltered, smoking area adjoined to the main house within the garden, but smoking is prohibited within the home.

All bedrooms are single occupancy, spacious, and furnished in consultation with individuals. All have internet connection, TV Sockets, call systems, and Yale locks to ensure privacy. In addition en-suite facilities are provided, some with showers and a communal bathroom with a bath.

We place great importance in accessing the widest range of community facilities that we can. Enabling opportunities to share different cultures, environments & give individuals the chance to generalise the knowledge and skills that they have gained and apply them to other situations.

To assist in broadening opportunities and through consultation we regularly participate in such activities as: golf, fishing, bowling, theatre, cinema, meals out, pub trips, shopping, yoga, visiting places of interest & our very own football team!

Annual holiday's can be arranged for those who wish to go, and in previous years we have had many happy times staying in some beautiful places.



Feedback

At the Old vicarage we afford great consideration to the provision of service through planning, implementation and review. Receiving the views of residents, parents, carers and professionals are invaluable within this process.

Please find below a selection of (unsolicited) comments. Anonymity has been preserved to retain individual privacy.

Feedback from parents:

"Contact between myself and the staff is good, I feel that the staff treat my son as a 'person' rather than someone with a disability."

"Just like to say a massive Thank You for everything you have done to help..... Sorting out his finances is a major weight off our minds and is a big step for him towards understanding how to manage his life. We all really appreciate your intervention, concern and help."

"This is a successful placement for my son because of the continuity of staff and the consistently high standard of involvement from his key worker."

"My sons needs are very well understood, we feel supported and listened to as parents. An excellent service."

"We are very satisfied with the provision of care that is being received. The staff are always helpful and patient."

Professional feedback:

"Advocacy within the home for the service users is excellent."

Feedback from residents:

"When I moved to the home I was pleasantly surprised."

"I enjoy participating in activities that are on offer, like going to the pub. If I have different ideas of what activity I would like to do, staff help me to organize it."

"I feel very settled in the home. I like the activities that we do. I like how much of a say I get in things. The staff always listen."



FAQs

Who regulates practice within the home?

The home is regulated by CQC (The Care Quality Commission) whom inspect all services and give them a star rating based on the standards met.

Please visit <http://www.cqc.org.uk> to find out more about CQC and to see our latest inspection report.

How do you ensure that you provide a quality service?

We have many tools for formally measuring the quality of service within the home; We hold regular reviews of policy and procedure, undertake a periodic internal inspection process, liaise with other services to seek new ideas and feedback and provide extensive and thorough training for our staff team. We actively invite feedback from our service users and their relatives with regular meetings, questionnaires and reviews.

How long does the application process take?

There is no time limit to the application process due to liaison on assessment with applicants, parents/carers and other professionals. The home will carry out a thorough assessment to establish whether the service users needs can be met within the home. The assessment process is not prescribed, but rather adapts according to the needs of the client within a framework of best practice. The application process is managed by the registered manager, who will liaise with the funding authority to ensure that the process is as speedy and effective as possible.

How old are the service users in the home?

The home is registered to take clients from 18 years of age.

Are your service users supported to access any additional professional services?

The home actively seeks to support service users in all areas of their life. We endeavour to work imaginatively with our service users to seek the best and most appropriate recourses available.

Some examples of additional recourses that we have supported access to: Language night school, physiotherapy, private maths tuition, personal fitness training, Dietician, chess tournaments.

What is the cost of a placement at the home?

Placement costs are variable, depending on the need of the client and the level of support required. This will be determined through the assessments process.

If you have any further enquiries regarding the home please do not hesitate to contact the staff team who will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Or alternatively contact the Manager Michele Kelly on Telephone: 01895 454 710 or e.mail: michele.kelly@the-old-vicarage.co.uk.



Admission Criteria

To ensure that service users needs can be effectively met, The Old Vicarage accepts applications under the following criteria. Successful applicants will:

- Be aged 18 to 65 years
- Have a diagnosis of high functioning autism or Asperger's Syndrome
- Have Autism or Asperger's Syndrome as a primary disorder
- Require minimal support or be independent with personal care
- Have a functional level of verbal communication
- Be able to demonstrate the ability to cooperate with the home's relevant policies and procedures in order to maintain a safe environment for all service users
- Be able to co-exist without major disruption to the current service users or the fabric of the home
- Be willing to undertake meaningful day activity
- Be willing to undergo an assessment to determine whether The Old Vicarage is able to meet their needs

Due to our specific area of experience, we are unable to provide nursing care, but can support general health needs by accessing the larger community health team. In addition we are unable to provide support for applicants who currently use illegal substances or have an addiction to alcohol.

Fees

Fees are determined following an assessment of the applicant's. The funding authority will then be advised of the rate.

Due to the detailed nature of our pre-placement assessment, a charge is made to the funding authority, refundable if a placement is made.

How to Apply

Complete an application form & Return the form to:

The registered Manager, Michele Kelly
The Old Vicarage, 75 The Greenway, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 2PL
Tel: 01895 454 710
Fax: 01895 454 711

Your application will be processed as quickly as possible.