

Helping reduce homelessness

We were awarded the Community Accommodation Service tier 3 (CAS3) contract by the Ministry of Justice to help the Government with their shared objective of reducing reoffending by ensuring that prison leavers aren't released from custody homeless. People leaving prison without stable accommodation are nearly 50% more likely to reoffend. The East of England was one of five early adopter sites for CAS3 which is now planned for national rollout.

We offer more than a roof

- Welcome pack including cereals, tea, coffee, milk, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo etc.
- Towels and bedding
- Comfortable furnished accommodation, including TVs
- Support and signposting to find opportunities e.g. CV writing support, registering with a GP,

job centre reminders, registering for Universal Credit etc.

- Intermediary with the Ministry of Justice and other commissioned service providers to find long-term housing
- Help liaising with family members if needed
- We log and record every contact with individuals and flag any mental health, substance misuse and any other safeguarding concerns
- We visit individuals on a weekly basis with further telephone contact, in addition to individuals being regularly contacted by a dedicated Ministry of Justice case worker with floating support as needed

Who we are

- A trusted provider of accommodation, managing over 1,200 self-contained properties and 350 shared accommodation rooms in more than 65 local authorities
- We work exclusively to provide self-contained temporary accommodation, supported shared properties, and other specialist accommodation
- Our team has over 40 years' experience supporting people in the housing market
- We have an extensive network for sourcing properties for social housing use, along with deep expertise in managing and maintaining properties and engaging with complex tenants
- Our head office is in Bedfordshire with a full time staff of almost 90 people along with multiple hubs across the UK

The Housing Network

Who we have partnered with:

Ministry of Justice

People who leave prison without stable accommodation are almost 50% more likely to reoffend. Getting them into stable housing provides the platform they need to find work and access treatment for addictions and mental health problems which are also proven to reduce the risk of reoffending.

CAS3 is a new tier of community accommodation, providing basic, transitional housing for up to 84 nights for prison leavers and who are at risk of homelessness. The aim of the service is to ensure that no one leaves prison under the supervision of the probation service without the offer of a place to live and a pathway to settled accommodation.

The Housing Network was selected through a competitive tender process to partner on the CAS3 contract from the Ministry of Justice in 2021 because of our commitment to providing more than a roof. All our accommodation is of a good standard and exceeds the minimum requirements specified by the Ministry of Justice. The additional support services that we provide makes the difference and helps people turn their lives around.



280+

Bed spaces provided and over 1,200 monthly contacts made by our 15 dedicated specialist staff members

“The flat is absolutely beautiful and neither of us could believe it.”

Resident

“He is so grateful and thank you so much for securing that place – he will never live anywhere as nice!”

Ester B – Certified Probation Professional

“What an amazing scheme! We are truly helping some of the most unsupported and vulnerable people in society.”

Cara W – Support Worker

Our commitment to you and our residents

- 1 Properties are safe, warm and decent
- 2 Properties are regularly inspected to ensure high standards are maintained
- 3 Properties are visited at least once a week so that residents are supported and any issues are addressed
- 4 We provide 24/7 maintenance to fix problems day or night
- 5 We provide each resident with the basic necessities when they move in (cutlery, crockery, linen, duvet, pillow, towels)

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