

# THE MELBOURNE PROJECT

## REFERRAL CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used to help assess referrals to The Melbourne Project; Supported housing for individuals who have had long-term difficulties in sustaining accommodation due to issues arising from their problematic use of alcohol.

1. The applicant will have been homeless, led an unsettled way of life, be inappropriately housed and/or in danger of becoming homeless.
2. There will be a history of problematic alcohol use, and this will be their primary presenting problem. Other issues will be subordinate to their primary problem and an assessment will be undertaken to determine whether or not the support on offer will be appropriate to their needs.
3. Referrals made on behalf of individuals with multi-substance misuse issues will be subject to Risk Assessment.
4. The applicant will understand the type of support that is on offer and be willing to engage in that support. They will agree to have a key-worker and attend key-work meetings on a regular basis, as stipulated in the Support Contract.
5. The applicant will need the support that is on offer and is initially unlikely to be able to maintain independent accommodation without it.
6. The applicant will be able to take 'basic' care of themselves around personal hygiene issues.
7. Where appropriate a Health and Disability Assessment has taken place (or will take place as part of their housing application)
8. A risk assessment has determined that any risk associated with the applicant is manageable.
10. The layout of the building means that all tenants will need to be able to use the stairs.
11. The applicant will need to be prepared to live by the house rules, and live

reasonably in the house and neighbourhood.

12. The applicant will need to accept their responsibility to make personal payments (for non-eligible costs) to the scheme.
13. An assessment of an applicant's compatibility with existing residents will also be considered.