



Rochdale SMS Eligibility Criteria

The Flexible Substance Misuse Service is divided into 2 separate elements: the accommodation element is delivered by Turning Point and the Floating Support element is delivered by Stepping Stone Projects. This eligibility criterion focuses on the Floating Support element of the service.

Stepping Stone Projects Substance Misuse Floating Support service is available to adults aged 18 and over who are in need of support to develop their capacity to achieve or maintain independent living and have a current or previous alcohol/substance issue.

Where the service is provided to adults with dependent children, the support is aimed at the needs of the adult, not the children.

Services are accessible across the Rochdale borough and across tenure types.

All applicants must fit into one or more of the following categories as well as having a substance misuse problem and related support needs:

- Not managing in their current housing environment and is at risk of losing their home.
- Is vulnerable and has support needs
- Seeking support because they have a housing need
- Moving on from supported housing, residential care or is being discharged from hospital
- Lacks the basic social/communication skills that are needed to live independently
- Lacks confidence or skills to cope with the requirements of daily living

Housing Related support provides people with opportunities to develop a range of skills to prepare them to live as independently as possible. These include support in accessing: community drug/alcohol services, social opportunities, training, employment, volunteering activities, leisure activities and other opportunities to encourage meaningful use of time as well as support to develop skills in managing independent living, including: budgeting, financial management, cooking, healthy eating and moving into accommodation.

Housing Related Support enables clients to do as much for themselves as possible and live as independently as they can. It is NOT care, which often involves doing things for a client. Therefore these services do not provide: personal care, health care, professional counselling or training to service users, unless additional funding is available for these activities.

The service is accessible to and able to address the needs of, people who identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Stepping Stone Projects is aware of the needs of people with physical disabilities and sensory impairment and works towards meeting their needs and adheres to DDA requirements as far as is reasonably possible.