



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

LOW LEVEL HOUSING MANAGEMENT – MIDDLETON AND HEYWOOD

Stepping Stone Projects is offering up to 14 units of Low Level Housing Management accommodation at Parkside, our Middleton based project and up to 8 units at Ashburn House, our Heywood based project. The aim of this service is to prioritise non-statutory homeless, providing a preventative service and reducing the statutory homeless numbers.

The properties are for people aged over 16 who meet the following referral criteria:

- The ability to live independently without support or have a support package in place from another care or support agency
- Experience difficulty in accessing mainstream general needs housing whether this is due to being: under 35; having Former Tenancy Arrears;
- Be non-statutorily homeless, at risk of becoming homeless or in insecure or inappropriate accommodation.
- Have a local connection, based on one of the following:
 - Have lived in Rochdale/Heywood/Middleton for 6 out of the last 12 months
 - Have lived in the borough for 3 out of the last 5 years
 - Have a close member of the family in Rochdale/Heywood/Middleton (i.e. mother, father, brother, sister), from whom the client has been receiving support and requires ongoing support. The family member must have lived in Rochdale/Heywood/Middleton for 5 years
- The local connection must apply unless the applicant is fleeing violence.

All applicants will be considered on a case by case basis, however Stepping Stone Project reserves the right to refuse applicants who:

- Knowingly failed to declare or given false information at the referral stage.
- Have offenses for arson, a history of violent or sexual offenses or anti social behaviour.
- Have support needs which are too high for the project.

All applicants must forward a fully completed application form to our Central Referral Team who will process the application and arrange a short interview at the relevant property with the Housing Management Officer.

We will take up housing related references from previous landlords and/or Supported Accommodation Providers.

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by their chosen means of communication which can include telephone, letter, email, text or fax.

Any applicants who have not been offered a housing service will receive a copy of the appeals process so that they can appeal against the decision if they so wish.