



## Ludlow Foyer Criteria for Acceptance

Ludlow Foyer operates as an accredited Foyer as part of a national networks of Foyers.

<http://foyer.net>

The applicants support needs are consistent with the ethos of accredited Foyers:

- FOCUS- the Foyer is able to meet the development needs and goals of young people in transition
- The APPROACH- enables a positive 'offer' of integrated skills, resources and opportunities to be accessible to young people.
- RELATIONSHIP- is based on a formal commitment between a young person, the service and the community, which is a condition of continued engagement.

Specifically, Ludlow Foyer applicants should be aged between 16-25 years of age and single.

If you are not working or in training or education, you must be in receipt of benefits or willing to apply for benefits before the start of your tenancy or any offer of accommodation. Evidence will be required at the point of interview and acceptance.

ESA claimant applicants may be subject to specific enquiries to determine the underlying need.

Due to the nature of the service, we will complete a Risk and Needs Assessment with you to determine any risks and underlying needs you may have. This will be reviewed periodically. We may not be able to house you at this time if the risks score highly in terms of behaviour, substance misuse, violence and aggression or prevailing mental health problems. This is due to the vulnerability of other residents for who we are responsible for and have a duty to safeguard.

You must be capable and willing to engage with Foyer staff to apply and secure work, education or training. You will also need to be engaged with work, work experience, education or training for a minimum of 2 days a week. This is integral to the offer of accommodation. We offer around 8 hours of support each week. This is not negotiable. Your Licence Agreement will be reviewed at least every 3 months with the manager or deputy. A Foyer resident may be asked to leave if there is a failure to progress an agreed support plan.

You should aim to attend agreed 1-2-1 assessment and progression meetings with your designated support worker at the Foyer. Weekly workshops are mandatory if you are not working or at college. The Foyer is involved with the local community

and therefore you must be willing to engage with occasional volunteering both inside the Foyer and outside.

We appreciate that additional support may be required from time to time with agencies such as Community Substance Misuse team, CMHT, CAMHS, Probation services, Youth Offending or Social workers/Personal Advisor.

The Licence Agreement will terminate at 12 months and you may reapply after that date with a reference from your support worker or social worker.

Your landlord is South Shropshire Housing Association. Weekly rent and service charge are your responsibility. Rent arrears which accrue will not be tolerated and you will be served notice through the Association and in line with the Rent Arrears Policy.

Non-adherence to the support plan may lead to the resident being served with a Notice Seeking Possession as a Licencee, as the offer is directly linked to maintaining and adhering to the support plan.

#### **CRITERIA FOR DEFERMENT/ REFUSAL**

The applicant is outside of the age range.

The applicant has support needs which the risk assessment suggests are greater than the project is able to provide. This would include a diagnosed mental health condition, or previous evidence of violence and aggression. Long term ESA applicant not willing to engage with the Foyer in terms of Education, Training and Employment may also be refused.

The applicant's risk assessment indicates that the applicant poses a significant risk to staff, residents or other visitors or students of the Foyer.

The applicant does not have recourse to public funds.

The applicant will be unable to meet any income source to meet rent and service charge costs.

The applicant is unwilling to secure benefits.

The applicant has rent arrears from a previous tenancy.

#### **APPEAL PROCESS**

All successful applicants will be sent an offer letter which details the offer.

All unsuccessful applicants will receive a letter which explains the reason why the application was rejected.

The Association operates an appeal process

Should any unsuccessful applicant wish to appeal against the decision, the appeal must be made in the writing to:

Mrs Kim Alison Skinner  
Manager, Ludlow Foyer.  
Marston Mill  
Portcullis Lane  
Ludlow  
SY8 1PZ

### Applicants and Residents

I have read the attached Criteria for Acceptance 2017 and accept the Terms of the Licence Agreement.

Name

Date

Signature