

Welcome to Thompson House

Staff

Staff in Thompson House comprise of both qualified social workers and project staff. The team works closely to ensure residents comply with the restrictions placed on them but also undertake a range of programmes in the hostel including budget planning; cookery skills; self-awareness courses.

Governance

Thompson House is monitored closely to ensure the hostel is appropriately staffed and managed. This is undertaken by senior management staff in the Board of Social Witness; Criminal Justice Inspectorate and Supporting People. HELM Housing is monitored by the Department of Social Development and the Audit Office.



Working in partnership with:



Board of Social Witness, Assembly Buildings, Fisherwick Place, Belfast BT1 6DW
bsw@presbyterianireland.org www.presbyterianireland.org

Thompson House 426 – 428 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 5GA



Thompson House provides supported housing to offenders, where behaviour can be managed and monitored in the interests of public safety and from where permanent accommodation can be sourced.

Having stable accommodation can directly address risk factors associated with further offending.

Thompson House can accommodate up to 19 men who have been referred by the PBNI as being in need of approved accommodation. Referrals are not taken from individuals or other agencies.

Residents have to follow a strict regime within Thompson House which includes alcohol and drug testing; room searches; curfews on times allowed out of the hostel. There are on-going meetings with probation officers.

Each resident is assessed and risk management plans are created and enforced for each offender for the duration of their stay. Failure to comply will lead to the individual being returned to court or recalled to prison.

Aim of Thompson House

Residents

The hostel has four main aims

- 1 To provide accommodation suitable to meet the needs of male ex-offenders and other men within the criminal justice system
- 2 To help residents find and retain employment and to make use of opportunities for further education
- 3 To encourage and assist residents to establish their own homes or otherwise become independent of the hostel
- 4 To commend the Christian faith and way of life in an open and accepting manner

Residents are required to live positive lifestyles and engage in training and employment opportunities.