

Referrals to Utility Street men's Hostel

ADMISSION CRITERIA:

- Male;
- Aged 18 and over (no upper limit);
- Requiring short to medium term only.
- Who can pay the initial service charge (may be waived by the Assistant Manager until next benefit payment);
- Who can provide ID and proof of income (within the first, 7 days)

The hostel cannot accept:

- Female
- Someone under 18;
- Known and historic sex offenders, those under charge of a sexual offence or those under police investigation for sexual offences
- Someone with a history of high risk of arson;
- Those wishing a bail address involving conditions above an address
- Those who are assessed as very high need in terms of:
 - violent behaviour,
 - mental health requiring significant welfare checks,
 - high level of drug/poly drug use. (Harmonl does not provide managed or safe space for drugs use)
- Those under an active threat such as could pose risk to themselves, the other clients and staff or the local community.
- Care needs

The main source of referral is agreed as from Belfast Housing Solutions via email of a referral assessment form

But Referrals can be accepted from:

- Self-referral – persons may simply arrive at hostel in need of accommodation.
- Other Homeless Services – including The Welcome Centre and Crash bed facility at Centenary House - refer men for interview after initial telephone enquiry.
- Out of Hours referrals are accepted following support worker assessment as long as the client meets the core criteria and does not have a known sex, violence or arson offence. On the condition they will go to the NIHE offices to formalise their housing needs at the next available opening time.
- Hospital/social workers - refer men for interview after initial telephone enquiry.
- Prison Service and Probation Service - refer men for interview after providing background information