

Canonsgrove Homeless Accommodation – Update report from Somerset West and Taunton Council and YMCA Dulverton Group for Trull Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 12th January 2022

Site Management Update

The National Careers Service will be visiting on site again during January. The service is proving valuable to our residents.

The homeless nursing team continue to support our residents on site. We continue to find their daily presence with treatment, medical advice, and expertise of NHS services absolutely invaluable.

Following the successful trial of the podiatry surgery, the podiatry service are now going to visit site on a monthly basis

Taunton Vale Doctors have continued to operate a weekly surgery from Canonsgrove. This includes offering covid vaccinations and boosters for those that require them as well as administering flu vaccinations. The Doctor also organised a musculoskeletal clinic and several residents were able to benefit by attending. Hopefully another clinic will be arranged shortly.

The respiratory clinic was successful with a number of residents taking the opportunity to speak with a specialist.

I am delighted to report that there have not been any further incidences of covid infection on site.

We have experienced amazing generosity from the church, the women's refuge and from a lovely family from Wiveliscombe who made shoe boxes and bags of Christmas gifts for our residents. On behalf of all of the Canonsgrove residents I would like to publicly acknowledge our gratitude to those involved.

During the week leading up to Christmas one of our volunteers arranged for a carol service to be held at Canonsgrove. Fortunately, the weather was kind and we were able to hold the service outside. It was enjoyed by both residents and our staff.

Christmas activities continued in the form of Christmas card making and Christmas crafts.

Cycling outings and film nights also have been very well received this month.

Moving On

We continue to actively seek alternative accommodation for our residents and every effort is being made to find appropriate move on provisions. In December, 4 residents have moved on (either to new long term accommodation, temporary accommodation or decided to leave). Note, one of these was included in last month's report (ie moved onto accommodation on 2nd December).

Occupancy Data as at 31st December

Resident Occupancy Level	46
Number of new residents	0
Number of residents evicted in the last month	3
Number of Residents who have moved on since last report (3 rd Dec – 31 st Dec)	3

General Canonsgrove Data

Total residents accommodated since March 2021 (until end Dec 2021)	186
Total number of residents moved on	105
Total number of evictions	41
Total residents who have returned	4
Residents moved on supported by RSI team that have sustained their tenancy	29/29 (RSI team also support others as well not from Canonsgrove)

Of those that have moved on:

Own Tenancies (Includes those in Satellite)	58 (not all require support from RSI team)
Hospital/Rehab	4
Temporary Accommodation	10
Inter Hostel Transfer	10
Returned to Rough Sleeping	3
Returned to Family/Former Accommodation	13
Prison	2
Pathway to Independence service	2
Unknown	3

The RSI team is continuing to work closely with those that have been moved on into their own accommodation. They also work closely with those clients that are hospitalised and the medical teams supporting the clients to ensure that appropriate accommodation and support is available at point of discharge.

The RSI team are working with the YMCA-DG support staff at Canonsgrove to ensure that all avenues are being explored in finding the right accommodation for those clients that have more complex needs. We have weekly management meetings to discuss individual cases.

Incidents and anti-social behaviour

Please refer to separate 'Canonsgrove contact report for December' to be discussed at the meeting.

Accommodation Strategy and new accommodation solutions for Canonsgrove residents

A summary of progress is provided below. Please note that I have only included progress since last month:

- Lindsay Megson (Homeless Commissioning and Support Lead) started in December. She is working with her team to establish accommodation and support requirements and gaps in our planned provision (using our latest 'census data' from Providers) and then to develop and drive a plan to resolve this through delivery.
- We continue to make good progress on our target to reduce number of Canonsgrove residents to 40 by Easter
- We are inviting peer review from the other District move-on panel meetings to ensure our approach utilises best practice and considers further improvement for the team of professionals to identify any support needs and to deliver effective move-on plans and support.
- There is no new accommodation identified to report since the last meeting.