



BLACKTHORN TRUST

MENTAL HEALTH PLACEMENTS

Referral Guidelines

What we offer

Blackthorn Trust is a social -therapeutic environment where people can recover their mental well-being through nurture, healing and growth.

We offer a 12-month placement in our wide range of social therapeutic workshops: kitchen, café, garden and plant nursery, herb workshop, stained glass, woodwork and craft.

Each individual is accompanied by a staff mentor throughout their programme. During their time with us, individuals have the opportunity to:

- build confidence
- develop life and social skills
- meet people, develop friendships and reduce isolation
- access to 1:1 therapies as available
- build resilience and manage well being
- identify aspirations for the future
- prepare for employment through routine, structure and teamwork
- learn practical work skills
- be sign posted to partner organisations to explore next steps
- access specialist advice and support on housing, benefits, debt and employment issues

The main criteria to engage with the project are:

- To be 16 years of age and over
- To experience mental health difficulties
- To be open and willing to engage with the Blackthorn programme. The structure of the placement would normally be 2 days per week, some workshops are a day long (10.30am – 3.00pm) others are half days (10.30am to 12.30 or 1.00 to 3.00pm)
- To be willing to work towards personal goals and objectives set in individual plans and to attend regular reviews with their staff mentor

Please note that individuals who have left Blackthorn would only be eligible to be re referred after 3 years of being discharged from the programme.

Suitability of the programme

At Blackthorn we endeavour to create a therapeutic environment where people can feel safe to grow and develop. Applicants need to bring a willingness and readiness to engage.

Unfortunately, we are NOT able to offer placements to people who have a

- Recent history or current tendency to violence
- History of sexual offences
- Current alcohol/substance misuse or addiction
- Those needing 1 to1 supervision

Contact

If you would like further information about our project please contact:

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Application Form

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>RELEVANT PROFESSIONALS</u>
Name:	GP/Consultant Name:
Date of Birth:	Address:
Address:	Tel No:
Tel No:	Care Co-ordinator / Key-worker Name:
Email address:	Address:
Ethnic Origin:	Tel No:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Asian or Asian British (Includes any Asian background, for example, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Indian, Pakistani)○ Black, African, Black British or Caribbean (Includes any Black background)○ Mixed or multiple ethnic groups (includes any Mixed background)○ White (Includes any White background)○ Another ethnic group (Includes any other ethnic group, for example, Arab)○ Prefer not to say	Other support Name:
	Address:
	Tel No:
	<u>NEXT OF KIN</u> Name:
	Relationship to applicant:
	Address:
	Tel No:

REASON FOR REFERRAL

Please tick the appropriate boxes and give us details:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Isolation/ loneliness
- Need to develop life/social skills
- Need for meaningful activity
- Need for re- orientation
- Lacking confidence
- Social anxiety
- Low self esteem
- Transition from secondary care

Please provide further details:

Please tick present mental health diagnosis/condition. Please attach a risk assessment for individuals in secondary care.

- Anxiety disorders
- Depressive disorders
- Obsessive Compulsive disorders
- Eating Disorder
- Bi-polar disorders
- PTSD
- Schizophrenia
- Personality disorder
- Autism
- ADHD
- Other

Any other relevant health issues:

Any history of violence/aggression? Yes No

History of drug/alcohol abuse? Yes No

History self-harm? Yes No

History of Abuse? Yes No

Any additional information that will assist us to provide the best support to the applicant:

Applicant's signature:

Date:

Referrer's contact details:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Referrer's signature:

Date:

Please send this form to:

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