Referral Process

Referrals to Stepping Stones House are made by the persons allocated Social Worker. This referral form can be downloaded. It is necessary for a current care plan and needs assessment to be completed. Copies of all relevant reports must also be provided.

Upon receipt of the referral the Manager of Stepping Stones Residential Unit will convene a meeting with the social worker to discuss all aspects of the case. Following this a decision will be reached whether to accept the referral. The acceptance of the referral will be subject to availability of a suitable placement and if it is deemed that a Stepping Stones Service is the best placement option for this person.

The Service user and their family are then asked to visit the Stepping Stones House. Staff will be available to give information on the unit and to answer any questions or concerns they may have. A Statutory care Plan Meeting is Convened. The aims and objectives of the placement are agreed on and the Induction period for the Service user will be discussed.

Referral Criteria

Children and Young people must be aged between 12 and 17 years of age at the time of admission. In exceptional circumstances a child younger than 12 may be placed in Stepping Stones Residential unit, if it is deemed in their best interests.

Adult services are provided to those over the age of 18.