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# GUIDE TO GOOD GROUP HOMES

For people with disability.

Illustrated Plain English Guide



**GOOD GROUP HOMES GUIDE** This guide has been written for people with disability. It is for people who live in group homes and people who are thinking about group homes. It contains information about good group homes and can help you make choices about where you want to live.

## THE HOUSE



The house should not look different to other houses in the street.



There will be other people living there, but no more than five other people.



Inside, you should see the people living there doing everyday things – It's not a hotel.



You should be able to go into most places in the house.



You should have your own bedroom, with your things in it.

# THE STAFF



The staff should treat you well. You feel that you can tell them if there is anything you are not happy about.



You should be able to say what you want and what you want to do. Staff should pay attention to what you want and not ignore you.



The staff should help you to be involved in cooking, cleaning, laundry and other things that have to be done in a home.

They should help you do things for yourself, help you do things you find difficult, and help you with new things you want to try.



You should know the staff and they should know you. They should know how you get your message across. They should know what you like to do and what you don't like to do.



# THE STAFF



You should be able to try new things and meet new people in the neighbourhood.



The manager is good at providing support and helps the other staff to be as good as they can be.



The staff will have had training and are always thinking about how to make things as good as possible. They talk to each other and their manager about how to provide better support.



You should know what you are doing every day and which staff are going to be there.

You should be able to change your mind about what you want to do at any time.

The staff should also know what they are going to do while working in the house.

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