

Fynvola



Specialised Care for older people with Learning Disabilities

Fynvola Foundation a charity established to fill a gap in current provision. Lady Dane Farmhouse offers 15 placements with specialist care and nursing for the multiple needs of people with learning disabilities.

- Care when current arrangements are inadequate
- Care in the ageing process
- Palliative care
- Care for multiple medical needs
- End of life and high dependency care
- Respite care

The number of people with learning disabilities living above 60 years is rising fast due to improved care and medical intervention; they are, however, 2.5 times more likely to have significant health risks and problems, which may be long term. With Downs syndrome old age and Alzheimer's may begin at 40 or 50.

At present, older people with learning disabilities are placed for care with younger people with learning disabilities or generic homes for elderly people.

Fynvola believes that staff need understand and be trained to work with the specific personalities, medical, social and psychological needs of learning disabled people. Health problems should be taken seriously not treated as part of the disability. Stimulating activity appropriate to age and condition is needed, which could include art, craft, singing, movement and outings. The high standards required for residential and nursing care should be continued into later life.

The facility will offer

- Bedrooms that can be adapted for the resident's personal taste/need.
- Individual care plans and risk assessments
- Transport provision
- Varied healthy menu with choice
- Range of social and day activities
- Access to local physiotherapist and occupational therapist
- Palliative care to end of life
- Relatives and family support

Fees will be competitive and will reflect the individual's needs:

Extra Care according to assessment and individual need

Respite from £1000 per week

Lady Dane House in Faversham has been converted to provide comfortable accommodation including a dining room, day room, lounge, ensuite facilities, hoists and specialised bathrooms, office, laundry and medical room. Residents' accommodation is largely on the ground floor. The location offers easy access to the local hospital and medical practitioners.

The home manager is qualified RN (LD) supported by the leader of the residential care staff. Other staff are qualified in nursing/learning disability. A cook, housekeeper and handyman/gardener make up the team. Training is provided and ongoing. Other staff employed will be qualified in nursing and/ or learning disability. A cook, housekeeper and a garden/ handyman will make up the team. Training will be provided and ongoing.

Potential clients may come

From a residential or independent home which no longer suits or is able to meet their needs.

From the family home where the carer may no longer be able to cope.

The group of trustees and advisors has a wide experience in care, nursing and business management.

Fynvola Foundation wishes to work in partnership with Kent County Council who seek partnership with the voluntary sector. We follow government policy of looking for new measures to address health inequalities and social exclusion.

Fynvola Foundation aims to provide personal support in the way that each resident prefers and requires, making the last part of life safe and special.

We will support and advise families with a learning disabled relative.

Criteria for Residency

Lady Dane Farmhouse will be a registered residential Home with nursing and palliative care facilities to meet the physical, medical, social and psychological needs of people with a learning disability in their later years.

Residents will require 24 hour care and support for the remainder of their lives.

The home will be registered with the Care Quality Commission, (CQC) an independent regulator of health, mental health and adult social care.

4 rooms established for fully ambulant people

3 rooms for High dependency

7 rooms for High personal care needs

1 room for Respite care.

Criteria for Admission

People with long standing learning disabilities who are no longer able to be accommodated in their present home.

Due to:-

Increased physical disability

Deteriorating medical condition

Late stage terminal illness, requiring palliative care

Marked Dementia - Alzheimer's

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