

**Braley House Approved Premises, Worcester**  
**Information Sheet**

**What is Braley House?**

Braley House is a self-catering approved premises run by West Mercia Probation Trust. We are in a pleasant residential area of Worcester, about twenty minutes walk or ten minutes by bus from the City Centre. There are local shops and post office nearby.

The house is divided into flats, each with its own kitchen and bathroom, between one and three bedrooms. One flat is suitable for wheelchair users. Altogether there are four double bedrooms and ten single rooms but we cannot guarantee a single when you arrive. We can take up to eighteen male residents. You have to be 18 years or over to live here. You can live here as a condition of bail, as a condition of a Community Order made by a Court, or on a prison licence.

People on Home Detention Curfews can come to the AP if they are also subject to one of the above Orders. We can sometimes also offer short-term emergency accommodation.

We can normally only take men who have lived in the West Mercia Area (the Counties of Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire, or have family connections), or who have been sentenced or who are being dealt with by a Court in the above area. We welcome residents from all ethnic backgrounds.

**What is the AP for?**

The purpose of the AP is to protect the public by providing an enhanced level of supervision, which reduces the risk of re-offending. Residents are expected to address the reasons that they got into trouble, to take responsibility for their behaviour, and to become law-abiding members of the community.

As well as talking to AP staff, residents will be expected to take part in other activities. These may include drug or alcohol counselling from specialist advisors, employment and training guidance, and accredited programmes run by the Probation Service. An individual Sentence Plan is drawn up with each resident and regularly reviewed.

**What are the rules of the AP?**

The AP has a set of rules that are there to ensure the safety and welfare of staff, residents and neighbours. A full set of the rules is available on a separate sheet. The rules include a 7pm – 7am curfew for the first two weeks, then 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew if agreed by your Offender Manager. Street drugs and alcohol are not allowed in the AP. You are expected to treat AP property, other residents and staff with respect. Racist or sexist language or

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behaviour will not be accepted. If you break the rules you may be asked to leave, as well as legal action being taken to enforce your Order or Licence.

### **How long will I have to stay at the AP?**

This varies according to the reason you are here. Some people on bail may only stay for a few days while they find somewhere else to live. At the other extreme, some residents may stay for a year or more. The average is about six months. We will try to help you find somewhere to move on to in a planned way.

### **How much is the rent, and what does it include?**

If you are claiming Benefits your rent is deducted before you get your payment, leaving you with the balance for yourself (the exact amount varies according to your individual circumstances). Out of this you will have to buy your own food and pay for your other day-to-day expenses such as clothes, fares and leisure activities.

If you are working full time you will have to pay your own rent. (currently £44, less for part time hours)

Bed linen, towels, laundry facilities, heating, gas and electricity are all included in your rent and the kitchen is well equipped. A television and the licence for your flat is **not** provided and is your responsibility. There is a TV in the communal lounge area.

### **How do I apply to come to Braley House?**

You have to get your Offender Manager to apply on your behalf. If you are in prison this could be your home Offender Manager or someone from the Prison Probation team.

We will need your OM to complete an application form and send it to us, along with background information such as your pre-sentence report (if one is available) and previous convictions.

### **Contact details:**

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