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REFERENCE FOR NEW REFERRALS

DATE:

For RE:

The above named young person has given us your name as a referee in support of their application for accommodation with our project. If you do not know the above named person very well please state this and complete the reference with as much detail as possible.

Park Lodge Project houses single young people between the ages of 16 to 25 years who need somewhere to live with support. The project accommodates 25 young people in accommodation suited to their individual needs. Each person has their own lockable bedroom and shares the communal areas i.e. lounge, kitchen, bathroom and garden with other residents. The residents are responsible for looking after their own rooms and sharing the cleaning of the communal areas, although we do employ a cleaner to assist with this in the main building. The houses are fully furnished and equipped with washing machines, fridges, cookers and televisions. We also supply all bedding and cooking equipment.

We would be grateful if you would kindly provide the following information:

1. How long have you known the young person?

2. In your opinion will the young person pay their rent charges?

3. Has the young person got any rent arrears from living in hostels or their own accommodation?

4. In your opinion is the young person able to live in shared accommodation?

5. To your knowledge has the young person lived in shared accommodation previously? If yes do you know where and when?

6. How independent do you believe the young person to be?

7. Is the young person to your knowledge participating in any education or training?

8. What assistance and support do you believe the young person to require?

9. Do you know of any professionals e.g. social worker, probation officer etc. involved with the young person? If so whom?

10. Do you know if there are any issues involving drugs/alcohol? If yes, could you please give details

11. Has the young person been involved in any aggressive or violent behaviour to your knowledge? If yes, could you please give details

12. To your knowledge does the young person have a history of:

- Offending behaviour
- Self-harming
- Attempted suicide
- Mental Health problems

Please give full details.

13. Do you consider that the young person will be able to work with staff on a regular basis to increase their skills for independent living?

Please feel free to add any information you feel may be relevant to the individual's application.

A prompt reply would be appreciated. Thank you for your assistance and co-operation in helping us make our decision as to whether the young person is suitable to be offered accommodation with our project.

Yours sincerely,

Project Manager