



"All the staff members are caring and pleasant towards my brother and he is very happy at Pinecroft."

West of England residential service Pinecroft



Pinecroft is a specialist residential home that can support up to four men with Asperger syndrome or high-functioning autism who may be on a conditional discharge or community treatment order under the Mental Health Act 1983.

We support everyone living at Pinecroft to lead as independent a life as possible, and create a safe and secure place for them to live in.

Environment and facilities

Pinecroft is located near Bristol. We are close to Cribbs Causeway shopping centre and the local village of Thornbury, with its leisure centre, local pubs, shops, post office and health centre. The area also includes a golf club, castle and some outstanding historic walks.

Everyone living at Pinecroft is encouraged to make their rooms their own by choosing their own decor, furnishings and accessories. We also have shared rooms, including two lounge areas, a kitchen diner, a light and airy conservatory, and a large garden.



Accept difference. Not indifference.

The activities we offer:

- > Learning daily living skills
- > Building social skills and confidence
- > Support with access to college courses
- > Preparation for work
- > Visits to cafes, pubs and restaurants
- > Cultural and historic trips
- > Walking and cycling
- > Swimming and sports at the local leisure centre
- > Bowling, cinema or golf
- > Aromatherapy sessions
- > Day trips around the UK
- > Shopping trips
- > Games evenings
- > Attending local events and concerts

We also support people to do other activities that they are interested in.

Person-centred approaches

Our service offers high-quality, non-discriminatory care that promotes choice, independence, dignity and autonomy, and enhances people's quality of life. Everyone has their own person-centred plan, and we produce a structured timetable for each person that takes account of their individual needs and aspirations and helps them to access community activities of their choice. These plans are reviewed and evaluated regularly.

People living at Pinecroft have a say in decisions about the way the house operates, as well as the recruitment of staff. Our outreach service is also available to help them access opportunities in the community.

"I enjoy living here, the staff are nice and the house is professionally run."



Staff support

All our staff undertake autism and person-centred planning training and are experienced in working with people with autism spectrum disorders, including Asperger syndrome. Everyone living in the house gets to choose their own person-centred planning team. Further external support comes from consultant psychiatrists and clinical psychologists, all of whom have extensive knowledge and experience of Asperger syndrome and challenging behaviour. We use the Care Programme Approach (CPA), through which we regularly review people's individual needs with the input of care co-ordinators.

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