

Fairweather is small but dynamic registered charity supporting vulnerable women and children. As an organisation, we are a dedicated and passionate group who wish to make a real difference to real people in Bradford.

Fairweather's primary work is in relation to housing, resettlement and support of women and children, who are in need of housing, security, and emotional / psychological support.

The schemes we run cater for women and their children who are vulnerable for a variety of reasons, including homelessness, domestic violence, and mental health problems.

Our philosophy is to provide help, support and advice to vulnerable women and their children in order to enable them to make choices and develop coping strategies to cope with difficult life situations which can make people vulnerable. We attempt to heighten self-esteem and hopefully help to bring fun into the lives of the people we work with.

Fairweather is committed to delivering it's services based on meeting the needs of individual residents, promoting and celebrating diversity of cultures, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and disability.

For further information on our organisation, contact us using the information details below or alternatively log on to our website.

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Rowan House is a scheme that provides support and accommodation for homeless women and their children.



The house is 'child friendly' and has a Child Support Worker along with playroom facilities. Regular play sessions are held where children can play, learn and generally have fun!

Sessions are held according to a child's age, ability and interests, but can also be issue or family based. There are trips out and social activities involving both residents and staff. Parent & child involvement is encouraged as much as possible.

Activities involve playing games, arts and crafts, music, drama and creative play. Children can choose what they do and parents are invited to join in with activities.

The Child Support Worker provides support to parents with child related issues and also maintains links with agencies such as schools, health visitors and other relevant organisations.

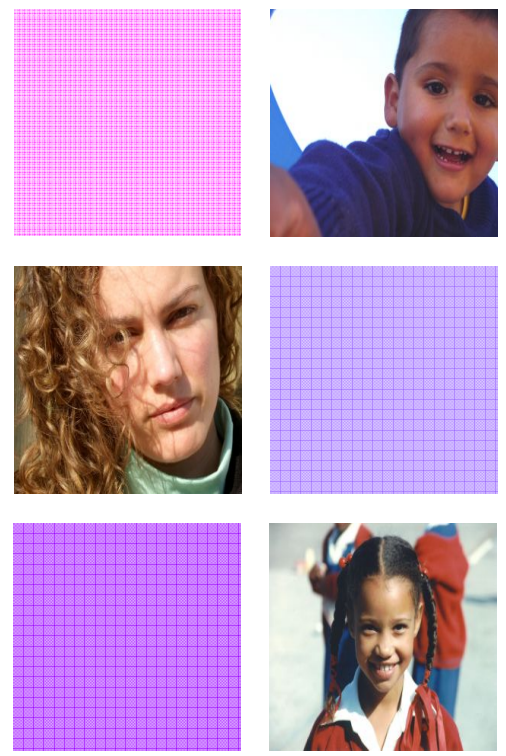
It is our aim to keep up good relationships with residents once they have moved on to new tenancies.

Family referrals can be made by telephoning Rowan House, numbers for which are contained in this leaflet.



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Housing and Support Services



Information and Guidance on Services Provided

ROWAN HOUSE

Rowan House provides safe, secure, supported accommodation to 10 women with or without children.

The scheme has 5 family rooms and 4 single rooms. The house also offers a large lounge and a well equipped kitchen. Other facilities include bath and shower rooms and a communal laundry. Additionally, there is a level access unit, which is suitable for women or children with mobility problems.

The scheme has a confidential address in order to promote a "safe living environment" for women and children who may be at risk. Additional safety features include 24 hour staff cover as well as internal / external CCTV.

A Team Leader, 4 Support Workers, 3 Night Support Workers, Resettlement Worker, Child Support Worker and an overnight Security Guard.

Staff aim to offer each resident practical and emotional support and during their stay, women will be helped to develop skills and the confidence needed for moving on into independent accommodation. Our commitment is to deliver support services in conjunction with other agencies.



The scheme offers child support services to women with children and further details are included in this leaflet.

Assistance is given to residents to find suitable and appropriate move-on accommodation. Residents are offered help in completing housing application forms, liaison with housing providers, visits to prospective tenancies and with applications for furniture grants.

In conjunction with the support team and other agencies, the Resettlement Worker will provide support, advice and practical assistance tailored to the individual woman's needs and the needs of her children.

Rowan House

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LEIGH HOUSE

Leigh House provides short to mid-stay accommodation for women with mental health needs. The supportive atmosphere of the house helps residents learn how they can cope with or overcome many of their difficulties. It also aims to enable them to live independently.

This large house is conveniently situated close to the City centre. The house consists of five fully furnished single bedrooms. Residents share the kitchen, living room, bathrooms and laundry facilities. Visitors are welcome during the day.



There is a Team Leader, Support Workers and occasional Relief Workers who work between 8am and 7pm during the week with reduced cover at other times. Their role is to offer practical and emotional support to assist residents in developing skills needed to live independently incorporating action plans devised with the resident and reviewed regularly. Support services include help with money management, shopping and accessing facilities and resources to widen social support in the community, promoting self development and giving women an opportunity to work towards personal goals.

Referrals can come from any source but where possible a social work needs assessment is required. Referrals can be made either direct to the project or through external agencies or social services.

Assistance is given to residents in finding suitable and appropriate move on accommodation. Residents are offered help in completing housing application forms, liaison with housing providers, visits to prospective tenancies and applying for furniture grants. Staff also support residents in their new home after move-on has taken place.

Leigh House

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MIDSTAYS

The Midstays Houses give women who are not yet ready for independent accommodation an opportunity to develop their confidence and enhance their life skills before they are ready to move into the community. Support will continue until the woman feels she is able to relocate into a permanent tenancy.

Referrals are accepted from external agencies for women who may need time and support before taking up their own tenancy and who will benefit from and enjoy living in a shared environment.

The scheme consists of two houses accommodating three and four women respectively. There are rooms with individual cooking facilities, whilst the main kitchen, bathrooms and laundry facilities are shared in both houses.

We aim to work with the women to develop support tailored to their individual needs, which is regularly reviewed. We will work with women to provide help, advice and support on Welfare Benefits, Training, Education, Employment, Healthcare, Budgeting Skills and Tenancy issues.



When the woman is ready to leave, assistance is given to find suitable and appropriate accommodation and residents are offered help in completing housing application forms, liaison with housing providers, visits to prospective tenancies applying for furniture grants.



Midstays (c/o Leigh House)

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