

Ambient House Limited



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Ambient House will open as a Residential Family Assessment Centre in August 2017. Ambient House will provide a safe, calm and supportive environment for people who have had areas of concern identified regarding their ability to effectively and safely parent their child/children.

We intend to teach, promote and assess parenting skills to ensure that children are safe, protected and thriving. We offer families an opportunity for intensive support to help them recognise the needs of their children.

Safeguarding vulnerable young people is our prime focus. The clarity of our assessments inform the referrers whether a child's needs can be adequately met by its parents or whether there is a need for further intervention and alternative care arrangements are required to ensure a secure longer term future for the child.

Our aim is to work closely with each disciplinary team member supporting the family who has been referred to our service. We aim to plan and provide the best possible care, to support better outcomes for the long-term future. We further aim to provide families with a calm, pleasant and supporting environment to enable their learning and development to maximise the opportunity they've been offered and to quickly settle and focus on the care of their children without feeling overwhelmed.

Ambient House Objectives:

- ♥ To work in an open, honest and sharing way with all parents.
- ♥ To look at all the safeguarding, physical and emotional needs of a child.
- ♥ To acknowledge skills, strengths and abilities in each parent.
- ♥ To identify areas of development or concern which might prevent parents from providing the appropriate area of care that their children require.
- ♥ To model good care practice and provide advice or information to enable parents to reflect and change their behaviour to respond in ways that would enable them to adequately meet their children's needs.
- ♥ To provide a comfortable, supportive and calm environment in which

these skills, assessments and strategies take place.

- ♥ To provide high quality, clear, professional assessments, both verbally and in report form to any relevant person, case conference and courts.
- ♥ To assist professionals in the formulation of individualised care plan requirements for the family.
- ♥ To supervise and monitor the care, welfare and development of each child whilst promoting routine and family life, but with sufficient oversight to ensure their safety.

We work with a maximum of six families at any one time. This small number allows staff to work intensively with each family and to produce thorough, balanced and clear assessments that help ensure good outcomes for children.

The Centre strives to offer an equal service to all family groups regardless of race, cultural background, religion, gender, sexual orientation, intellectual ability or family composition. However, given the layout of the building the Centre is not able to accept people who are unable to climb stairs.

Although referred by Children's Services Departments, families come by mutual agreement or are directed to do so by the court. We recognise that the process of a residential parenting assessment is stressful and we do everything possible to be supportive, fair and open in the way we work with families. In order to complete a thorough assessment, placements will generally last between a minimum of twelve to twenty-four weeks. The length of placement is, however, subject to review: *in exceptional circumstances it can be extended or be terminated early if necessary.*

Our highly trained staff will provide advice and skills to encourage newborn brain development, attachment, essential child care, nutrition, money management, promote healthy relationships and good self-esteem and much more. Our aim is to equip individuals with essential life skills to support the young parents in our ultimate aim of independent living.