

## Fry awarded resettlement service contract



Fry Housing Trust has been awarded a contract to deliver an accommodation resettlement service for people involved in the criminal justice system across Staffordshire and the West Midlands.

The contract will run until March 2016 and will see the Trust working on behalf of Staffordshire & West Midlands Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) to deliver a comprehensive accommodation resettlement service in resettlement prisons and CRC (probation) offices in the area.

The service will ensure that those who would otherwise leave prison as homeless are fully supported to find appropriate accommodation. Those in the community who are currently homeless, or about to become homeless, will also be helped.

As part of the service CRC staff will refer clients to Fry Housing Trust who will then work closely with the service user to assess needs and develop personalised action plans, which involve identifying and securing suitable accommodation. A multi-agency approach will ensure all service users are guided through the resettlement process, to help them move towards leading an independent life. Fry will also work in partnership with Birmingham Settlement who offer specialist financial support.

Paul Wright, Chief Executive at Fry Housing Trust, said: "We are delighted to have secured this contract which further strengthens our reputation for providing specialist housing and support to people involved in the criminal justice system and with complex needs. We look forward to working closely with CRC to help their service users find a place to live, thus stabilising their lives and helping to positively re-integrate them back into society."

Adrian McNulty, Operations Director at SWM CRC added: "We are pleased to be working with Fry Housing as part of its established prison resettlement service and are committed to providing a top class accommodation service for those making the transition from custody to community. Evidence demonstrates that the provision of suitable accommodation has a significant impact on rehabilitation and contributes to success in reducing reoffending and

protecting the public."

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