

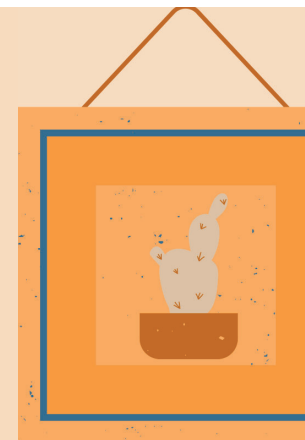
OUR HOUSE

Q4 Report: Jan-Mar 2026



Key stats

- A new resident moved into Hill Close following several months in temporary accommodation, and another young person moved in to Eastfield Rd after a family breakdown.
- Cottsway agreed to fit an outside light at Hill Close to help monitor and deter uninvited guests.
- Two residents remain on gold banding and are bidding on properties.
- Witney Masons kindly donated £1,600 to help carpet the Eastfield Rd house.
- Total expenditure for this quarter £332.44



Date of move in	Initial plan set	Plan review	Move on plan/ goals set	Ready for move on	
RC Feb 26					
AL April 24				 	
JP Jul 25		 			
LM Aug 25		 			
OF Sep25	 				
JD Nov 21				 	
JB Mar 26					
LS Apr 25				 	
RL Dec 25	 				
JC Nov 25					

Move on progression chart

 = Last quarter

 = This quarter

Moved in due to family breakdown

Gold banded - bidding on properties

Passed 2nd term's plumbing course assessments

Continues p/t job with Co-op

Started CAP course

Secured p/t job. Bidding on WOx properties

Moved in from temporary accommodation in Bicester

Move-on application approved for flat in Charlbury

Attended work fair/updated CV/job searches

Health setback. Continues with apprenticeship

Employment, training and education updates

- One resident has passed their Level 2 Plumbing Diploma Oxford Energy Academy. They have applied to start the Electrical Apprenticeship starting in September.
- Two new residents have created CVs and have started some online work skills courses.
- One resident who started nursery work with a temping agency joined another to increase their hours.
- One resident continues to attend functional skills English sessions at the Hub.
- Participants have completed e-training in customer service skills and health and safety.



Holistic support breakdown

Overall **390** support sessions
(49% face to face)

Client support sessions have increased this quarter due to two move-ins and complex resident behavioural issues. We continue to offer face-to-face 1-1 and group support sessions at the Hub and houses.

Top 10 areas of support

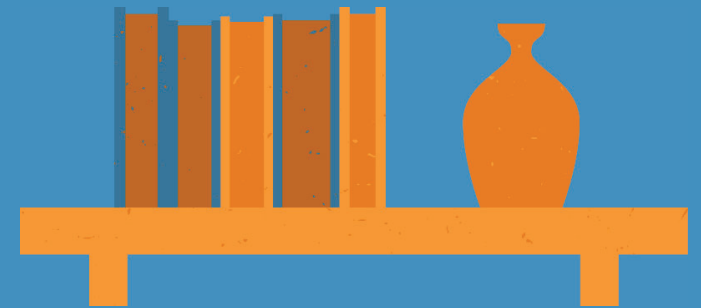
1. Housing support
2. General support/guidance
3. Mental Health Support
4. Physical Health
5. Direct Job Support
6. Food Bank Referrals
7. Benefit/Funding Support
8. CV & Interview skills
9. Volunteering/Education
10. Transport

Property News

Thanks to a kind donation from the Witney Freemasons, we could install new carpets in the shared areas at Eastfield Rd. This has given the spaces a warm, homely feel. They have also indicated possible funding for carpets in our other two houses. Residents have commented that it's 'so soft!'



Hill Close



Four Participants.

Activities:

- House meetings to address security and ASB.
- Installation of movement-sensitive light at the side of the property.
- Ongoing engagement with WODC housing team to assist with move-on applications

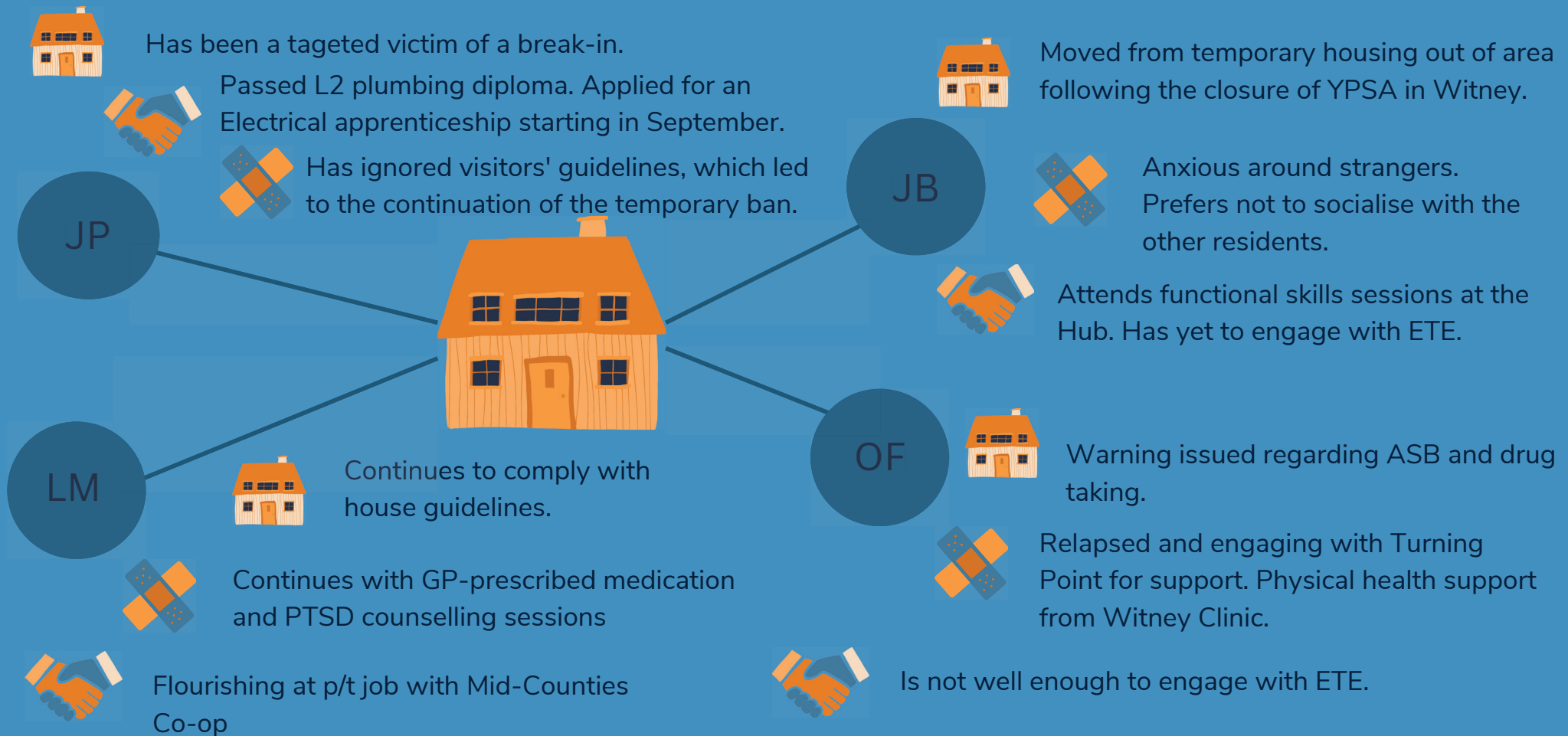
Positives:

- One new resident has moved in, after being housed in temporary accommodation in Bicester, due to the closure of YPSA in Witney.

Concerns and Solutions:

- A couple of residents have allowed friends in during a temporary visitors ban, which puts the security of the property and residents at risk. Cottsway installed security lights on the side of the property to help monitor activity.
- The cleanliness and tidiness of the house remain an issue. Staff regularly meet with clients to reinforce the necessity to clean up after themselves and to keep the house reasonably tidy.
- One resident has relapsed and is in danger of eviction. Staff are supporting them to access Turning Point and hospital appointments to support them to sustain their tenancy or to find a more suitable placement.

Individual Progression: Hill Close



Eastfield Road

Two male participants

Positives:

- One new resident moved in after a family breakdown.
- Legacy tenant secured a p/t role at a local family-run butchers after a lengthy period of unemployment.
- Resident bidding on suitable move-on accommodation.

Concerns:

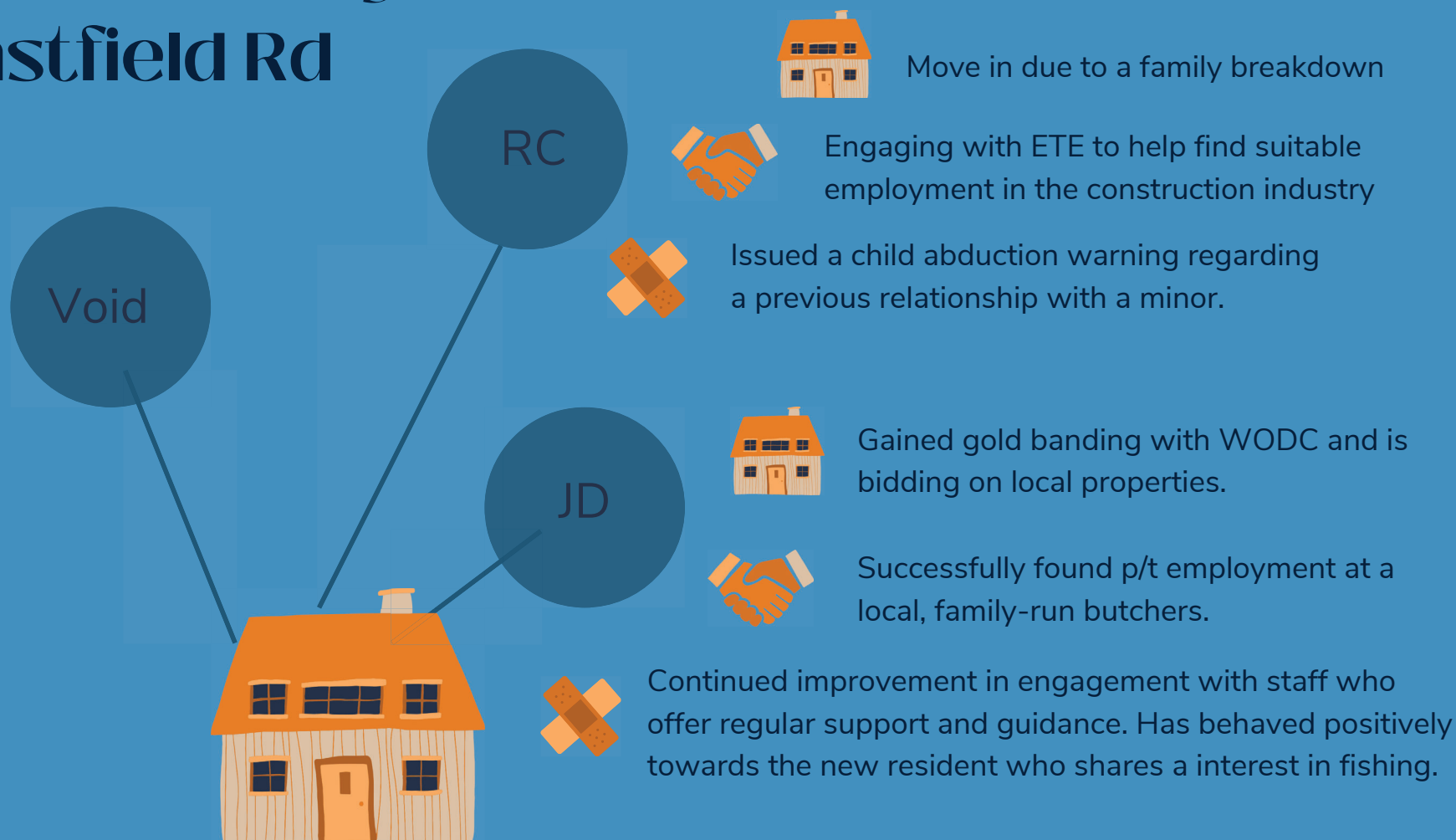
- Lack of any referrals to fill empty rooms from WODC
- A need to replace the bathroom suite and worn-out utility cupboards.

Solution:

- Meet regularly with WODC to promote Our House and find suitable candidates for the project.
- Liaise with Cottsway to schedule the required works.



Individual Progression: Eastfield Rd



Moor Avenue

Four Participants

Positives:

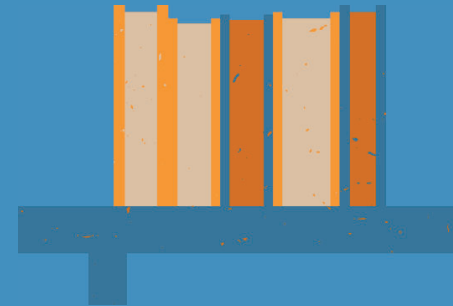
- One resident has been offered their own tenancy in Charlbury..
- One resident has secured more childcare work by joining another agency.
- One new resident has completed online hospitality-related courses.
- Residents have formed positive relationships and collectively keep clean, tidy living spaces.

Concerns:

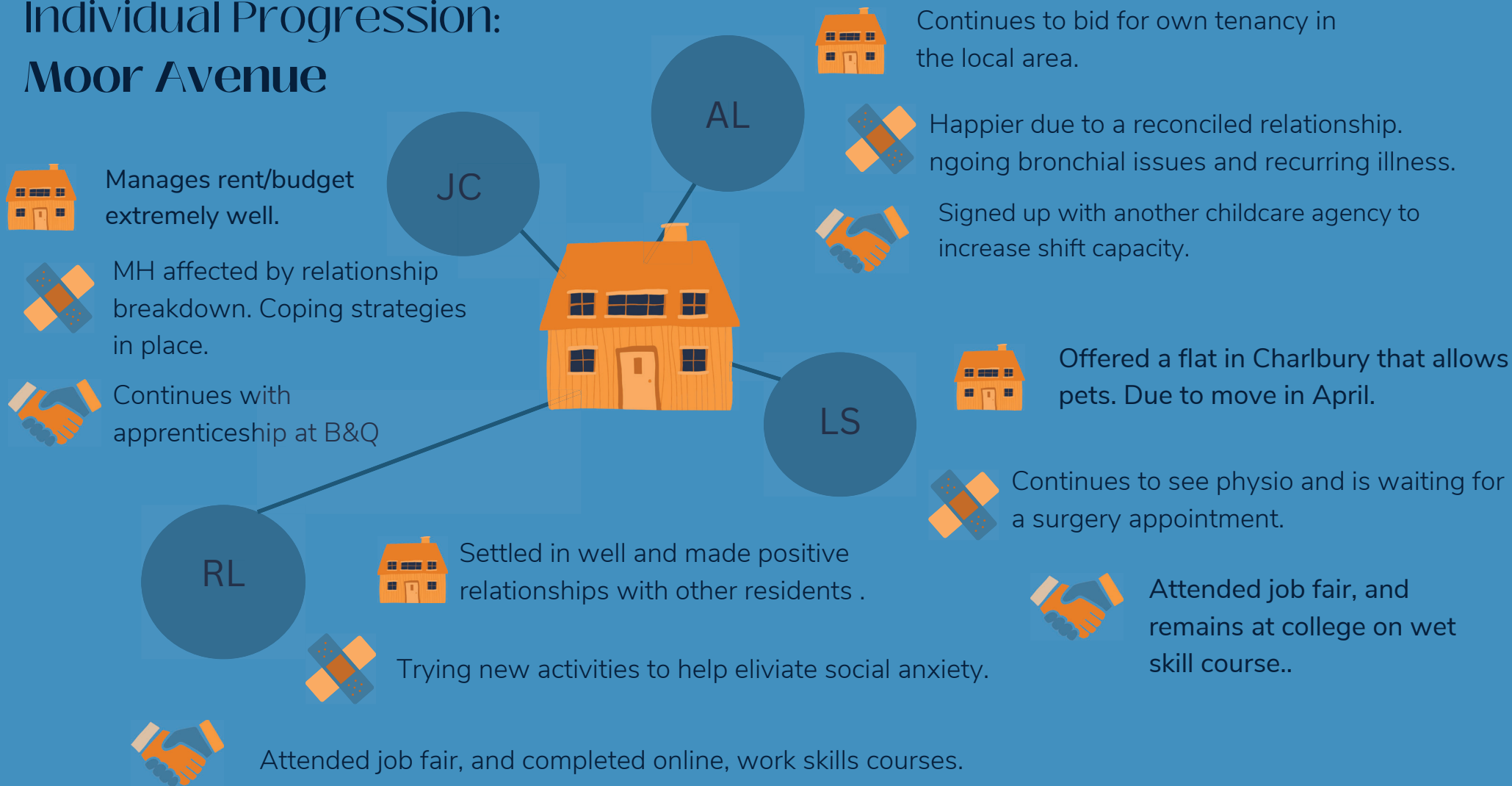
- A new resident got confused with her benefits received for housing, and was in arrears

Solution:

- Staff offered support to rectify the shortfall via a DHP application, which was successful..



Individual Progression: Moor Avenue



Project Updates



We would like to recarpet all three properties and were delighted to receive funding from Witney Freemasons to supply our Eastfield Rd house with new flooring in the communal areas. This has given some much-needed comfort to those shared spaces. We are hopeful that they will offer the funds again to replicate this in the remaining two properties.

WODC referrals remain low for our void rooms, and some applications can be too high-risk for the support we offer. After two young people with higher support needs moved in, we realised that all initial assessments need to be more thorough, to ensure we can match their needs.

We often experience young people with entrenched views on claiming benefits instead of finding work, which does not align with the aims of the project, and is difficult to negotiate once they move in.

We continue to work closely with Aspire's Safeguarding Lead to assess risks and monitor the well-being of our staff and participants.



Positive move-ins

We have welcomed two young people to the project this quarter, providing a safe place to live and the encouragement and support to move forward with their lives.

One young person from a single-parent family was asked to leave due to a disagreement and relationship breakdown. They have filled one of the long-term voids at the Eastfield Rd property.

The other new resident had been living in YPSA accommodation in Witney until it was closed, and they were temporarily moved out of the county. They are now settled and able to live closer to friends and family.

