

Cork Mental Health Housing Association has a vision of a society that promotes and protects good mental health for all, and those experiencing mental health difficulties are treated with respect and compassion, in a fair, just and positive manner.



OBJECTIVES:

1. To work in partnership with voluntary and statutory agencies in identifying the housing needs of people experiencing mental health difficulties and, within resources, develop, provide and maintain high quality housing services of varying models in response to the identified needs.
2. To influence policy changes in the provision of housing for people experiencing mental health difficulties.

THE ACTIVITIES OF CORK MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING ASSOCIATION:

1. Develop, provide and maintain a variety of high quality Housing units in community settings for people experiencing mental health difficulties.
2. Develop and support local Mental Health Associations in their work by providing information, training and administration back-up through the Development Officers.

Cork Mental Health Housing Association currently manages over 30 properties throughout the city and county catering for almost 200 residents. Our latest development was officially opened in Kanturk, in January 2007, supporting 14 people in a Community Residence and 4 people in individual tenancies. We are now at the planning stage for a development in Bantry and seeking to purchase houses in the Togher / Ballyphehane and Midleton areas.

PROCESS OF ACTION

Cork Mental Health Housing Association develops Housing Units in response to the needs of people with mental health difficulties that are identified in the local community. We aim to work in partnership with Statutory and Voluntary agencies in identifying such need for housing. Access to Housing is generally by referral through the Community Mental Health Nurse.

Once the need for Housing in a particular area is identified, Cork Mental Health Housing Association, in conjunction with the Local Authorities, applies for funding for the development from the Department of the Environment and Local Government under the Capital Assistance Scheme.

Developments are progressed taking into consideration the resource implications of the Association.



Creating Awareness & Understanding