

*Mission Statement – 'Cherrytrees Care is committed to provide cost effective, quality step- down recovery service for working aged males with mental health difficulties. We focus on personal growth and development of the individual.'*

### **Good cause to support the proposed**

Cherrytrees Care has been providing, for over 35 years, a successful and high quality supported living for male adults recovering from mental health problems. We work towards enabling male adults to return to a working life and/or education and continue with their life in the wider community.

### **Level of Care Provided**

We have a team of experienced, qualified professionals and support staff who responds to service users needs and facilitate their personal growth and development 24hrs a day and seven days a week. Each service user has an individual care plan which reflects his needs/difficulties and plan of action. Service users have six monthly or annual appointments with their Psychiatrist and a monthly visit from their Care Manager, Social Worker and Community Psychiatric Nurse.

### **Staffing**

The team of staff based at Cherrytrees Care includes Managers, Team Leader, Qualified Mental Health Nurses, General Practitioners, Dramatherapist, Assistant Psychologists, Qualified Psychologist, Music Therapists and Care Support Workers. This makes Cherrytrees Care the unique Supported Living in Surrey. They are also supported by an IMCA (Independent Mental Health Care Advocate)

We have three working shifts with of eight hours during the 24 hour cycle.

- AM Shift – 7am-3pm – Four to Seven Staff
- Pm Shift – 3pm-11pm – Three to Four Staff
- Night Wake Shift – 11pm-7am – Two Waking Staff and One Mental Health Nurse on call.

Our recovery service provides dignified and affordable accommodation, hence helping to reduce the pressures on Woking Borough Council to provide housing for this client group. It also allows for planned discharge on time, from the local psychiatric units and A&E departments. This reduces delayed discharge and extra costs to hospital service as well as creating admission beds for acutely ill people.

### **Purpose of the proposed**

The purpose of the proposed works to Cherrytrees Care is to increase the quality and depth of services we provide to our clients and the community. The proposed plans centre around increasing the quality of communal spaces and facilities with the additions of a purpose built 'Music Therapy Room', Quiet/Therapy Room, Activity/Games Room, meeting rooms and office space.

These additions and improvements will directly benefit service users and allow them to easily access better resources on site. This facilitates their rehabilitation, recovery and integration back into the wider community.