



Referral criteria

Housing

1. Female.
2. Single (with no children living with them).
3. Aged 21 years old and above.
4. Has experienced sexual exploitation in the past or present
5. Has access to public funds.
6. Willing to agree to no drugs or alcohol on the premises. Where clients have a history of problematic drug or alcohol abuse, we will conduct an assessment to see if we feel we are the best people to support their needs.
7. Demonstrating suitability and willingness to live in semi-independent accommodation. If their mental health needs mean that they or others may be at risk, we will signpost them to alternative accommodation where their needs can be met in a more secure and supported environment.

Counselling

1. Aged 18 years and above.
2. Has experienced sexual exploitation in the past or present.
3. Is not experiencing or receiving support with severe mental health problems currently or in the past year e.g. psychotic episodes and clinical paranoia. With appropriate consent from the client, Orchards would consult with the mental health professionals involved in their care or their GP in making this decision. We work collaboratively with Mental Health/Drug & Alcohol teams. If a client is under a psychiatrist, we will always consult with the psychiatrist before offering counselling.