

Funding and Service Agreement¹

Half-way House Service for Ex-drug Abusers

I Service Definition

Introduction

The half-way house service provides transitory accommodation and rehabilitation services to the ex-drug abusers for their community re-integration after receiving the drug treatment programme in the drug treatment and rehabilitation centres of the agency.

Objective

The half-way house service aims at providing living accommodation in a semi-protective and supportive environment for the ex-drug abusers newly discharged from the treatment and rehabilitation centres of the agency so as to facilitate their re-integration into society.

Nature of service

The service includes:

- a) providing transitory accommodation to the discharged ex-drug abusers of the agency's voluntary drug treatment centres before they are able to lead an independent living in the community.
- b) providing various programmes e.g. groups, counselling, training and activities to the residents to cultivate their interests in healthy hobbies, develop a productive lifestyle and prepare for re-integrating into the community.

Target group

The half-way houses serve the discharged ex-drug abusers of the agency's voluntary drug treatment and rehabilitation centres.

¹ This Funding and Service Agreement is a sample document for reference only.

II Performance Standards

The service operator will meet the following performance standards:

<u>Output Standard</u>	<u>Output Indicator</u>	<u>Agreed Level</u>
1	Rate of placement occupancy in residential programme per half-way house per year ⁽¹⁾	95%
2	Total no. of hours for rendering groups, counseling, training and activities ⁽²⁾ to the residents by registered social worker per agency per year	480 hours /per agency /per year

<u>Outcome Standard</u>	<u>Outcome Indicator</u>	<u>Agreed Level</u>
1	Rate (%) of achieving case plans ⁽³⁾ with goals accomplished per half-way house per year	65%

Explanatory notes:

1. Placement occupancy refers to the number of places of the unit occupied, starting from the date of admission to the date of formal discharge. The normal duration of placement is 3 to 6 months.
2. These groups, counselling, training and activities should be conducted by the registered social worker subvented by the Social Welfare Department. They should last for at least half an hour with specific objectives gearing to reintegration of the residents such as drug abstinence and relapse prevention, cultivating interest in healthy hobbies, developing life skills, financial management, improving interpersonal and family relationship etc.
3. Case plan refers to a goal-oriented plan which is agreed between the social worker and the resident. The case plan aims at helping the resident in maintaining a drug free life and re-integration into community, for instance, drug abstinence, family reunion, securing a stable accommodation, in gainful employment etc.

Essential service requirements

- 24 hours care per day with at least one staff member present at all time.

Quality

Service operators will meet the requirements of the 16 Service Quality Standards (SQSs).

III Obligation of SWD to Service Operators

The SWD will undertake the duties set out in the General Obligations of SWD to Service Operators.

IV Basis of Subvention

The basis of subvention is set out in the offer and notification letters issued by the SWD to the agency.

The service unit is required to comply with the rules on the use of the social welfare subventions in accordance with the latest “Guide to Social Welfare Subventions” and circular letters in force issued by the SWD on subvention policies and procedures.