

This document sets out a summary of the main criteria for the main GMA Programmes, as of August 2019.

We have to use strict criteria in order to ensure the safety and suitability of people attending our Programmes and premises.

When you make an application we will carry out a full assessment of your individual needs, circumstances, risks etc, and look at each referral on a case by case basis. However, it is useful for you to see a summary of the main criteria, requirements and exclusions that we will consider. This may help you in deciding whether to apply, and whether our Programmes are right for your needs.

Criteria for main residential programme at Dudley or Beckenham

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| Male |
| 18 years and above |
| Review of previous support, attempts to address gambling, and level of motivation |
| Ability to live in a community and share facilities |
| Able to live independently (cook, clean, wash etc) |
| Ability to undertake and engage in therapeutic interventions (groups, counselling) |
| Willing to attend the full duration of the programme (14 weeks) with no home return, & to consider further stay at the follow-on Recovery House where suitable (8 weeks) |
| No specific care needs that will impact ability to complete programme (we do not provide 24/7 support or on-site healthcare) |
| There are conditions re offending history/certain offence types |
| Must be able to make required payments: Treatment cost is covered. However, must be able to pay weekly rent + personal charges (x 14 weeks), 19/20 costs are approx. £215 + £10.50 per week. Most applicants are usually able to apply for welfare benefits to cover the rent. Some people are able to self-fund or part fund this. However, everyone must be in a position to pay the weekly personal charge above as a minimum (this won't be covered by benefit). Staff can advise on how to cover costs and agree payment plans, before the stay starts. |

Criteria for the Retreat and Counselling Programme (formerly called Mixed Model of Care):

Please read the criteria for the main residential Programme above as similar criteria apply to this Programme. There are additional requirements around your ability to attend two short-stay residential retreats, manage in a group environment, and share facilities (although it is not residential or independent living). There is also the ability to be able to attend the dates around any work commitments you may have.

The Programme is available to both men and women, run as separate groups.

Men's Programme runs once a year in October, with referrals accepted June onwards.

Women's runs x3 a year with referrals accepted on an ongoing basis.

18 years or above

Suitable for lower risk/non-complex cases

Payment: the treatment costs are covered, so it is free. However, you are required to pay for your own travel costs to and from the venue (4 trips). We do pay for taxis from the local train station to the venue.