

HOPE HOUSING, TRAINING & SUPPORT LTD

Policy – Relapse Decisions

Dry/Safe Houses

If a Service User resident in a dry/safe house is tested positive to alcohol, any illegal drug or indeed, a prescribed drug which contains Codeine that would give a positive test result for opiate, will without exception be asked to vacate the dry/safe house. We would recognise that a 'lapse' is to be treated the same as a 'relapse'.

The vacating of the premises should happen as soon as possible after the positive test result. It will be necessary to contact the relevant referral agent of the person concerned. This will be an agency that is part of the BAT – Bournemouth Assessment Team.

The destination of the positively tested Service User will depend upon many factors:

- a) Liaison with the BAT
- b) The circumstances around the test result, i.e. owning the lapse, honesty around the event
- c) If it appears that the Service User has been avoiding staff contact and circumstances cause suspicion that a full relapse is a possibility

- d) Attitude of the Service User and potential behavioural changes
- e) The potential that the Service User could be recalled to prison, if they are on Licence
- f) The availability of alternative accommodation
- g) If suitable alternative accommodation is available, there needs to be a clear focus from the Service User to re-establish their recovery.

Therefore, if the essential factors are satisfactorily resolved, the intention would be that the resident concerned could relocate to St. John's Lodge for a period of seven days or more. This will be done in consultation with the other residents and will be provided that they have closely worked with support staff and tested negatively.

Each resident will only be offered this chance once during their residency with Hope Housing.