

Bridging the Gap Islington

Service User Eligibility Criteria

Prospective service users must

1. be referred or supported by a professional agency working with the mentee;
2. be over 18 years old and under 65
3. be at risk of offending in its broadest sense;(this includes homeless and drug and alcohol users)
4. not be known to threaten or be violent;
5. be able to state one or two goals that they wish to work towards with their mentor; and
6. agree to meet their mentor on a regular basis

In addition the referral agency should be confident that the prospective mentee is stable enough to be likely to attend regular meetings.

Note: We will make our best effort but we do not guarantee to be able to arrange a mentoring partnership. Service users should note that it may take some weeks before we are able to suggest a mentor. During this time, we will keep service users regularly informed.

We believe that it is better to try to find a partnership, even though we may not succeed rather than giving an outright refusal. In borderline cases, for example where the service users behaviour is unstable or unusual, then we will only suggest a mentoring partnership if we find a mentor who seems able to accept any challenges this poses. This means they may wait a long time.

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