



**SOCIAL WORK STUDENT
PLACEMENT PROSPECTUS
2026**

INTRODUCTION

SHAP is a housing support and homelessness charity. We were started by a community group who were concerned about the rising number of young homeless people in St Helens in the late 1970's, and our first hostel, the OneSixTwo Project, opened in early 1981.

We have grown since then and much has changed. We now operate:

- 2 mother and baby hostels - one of which contains a Parenting Assessment Unit
- 2 emergency and 4 resettlement hostels for young people.
- 1 young persons (16-25) floating support service.
- 1 early years nursery setting.
- 1 purpose built family hostel.
- 1 harm reduction scheme.
- 1 supported accommodation scheme providing intensive housing management.
- 1 domestic abuse refuge.

We have been supporting and benefiting from the input of student social workers for over 17 years and we are able to place students for biannual intakes for BA2 and MA1 students for their charitable sector introductory placements, offering:

- Full placement set up & support – from informal interview through to end of placement
- Direct case/keywork with a vulnerable and complex client group
- Full induction and tailored support by experienced and highly skilled staff
- Placements in team-based, community, residential and home visit contexts
- Student-focused resources and training material
- Plentiful opportunities to demonstrate Professional Capabilities Framework Domains
- Secondary involvement in statutory interventions and multi agency meetings
- Paid travel expenses
- Flexible placement hours
- On site practice educator (or arrangements via university for external practice educator)
- Observations completed by qualified social worker
- Onsite portfolio support
- Regular supervision (Weekly)
- Student workshops

Our locations are spread across the North West, from Wrexham in North Wales, Newton-le-Willows, through St Helens, Knowsley, Halton and into Liverpool city centre. As a result, we are able to support and accommodate students from across a wide area and a plethora of different universities.

In order to continue developing the provision of a high quality service and also to meet the challenges of the future, SHAP has undergone an organisational restructure in order to meet its objectives.

PLACES

- ONE SIX TWO
- SHERDLEY HOUSE
- BELVIDERE FAMILY CENTRE
- ELIZABETH ANDERSON HOUSE
- MEYRICK COURT
- HARM REDUCTION
- SELINA COOPER HOUSE / PARENTING ASSESSMENT UNIT
- DOMESTIC ABUSE REFUGE

COMMUNITIES

- BAME COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM
- ST HELENS FLOATING SUPPORT
- STEPS SUPPORTED LODGINGS
- SHELAGH DELANEY HOUSE/OCTAVIA COURT
- KIRKBY (BARNHEY)
- SOLO



ONE SIX TWO RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

This is SHAP's original hostel. Provision is currently for nine young people aged 16-25 and the project is staffed on a 24 hour basis. Young people are enabled to work towards a more independent lifestyle by supporting them through the acquisition of practical skills and confidence.

The service is located within a new purpose designed building and includes communal areas for meeting. Residents benefit from fully self contained flats.

Support is provided 24/7 by a team working shifts. The staff team consists of the Scheme Manager and four Project Workers, who provide the intensive support service users and clients need to help them gain the knowledge and skills to live independently.

Residents are able to live at the project for up to 2 years, while staff work with them to become more independent.



Boundary Court
133a Boundary Road
St Helens
WA10 2LR



18-25 years old



This service operates 24/7



SHERDLEY HOUSE

Sherdley House is an emergency accommodation project for young, homeless men and women who are unable to live at home for any reason. We help people aged between 18 and 21. Referrals usually come from the local Housing Options and Advice Centre. However, we can take referrals from other agencies and professionals.

Residents usually stay for up to 10 weeks, while they work with us to assess their needs and identify suitable move on accommodation.

The staff team consists of:

- The Scheme Manager
- Four Project Workers
- Hostel Assistant

These staff provide the intensive support service users and clients need for stability and to move them out of housing crisis. Our hostel assistant helps them prepare and cook nutritious meals.

There is an office on site, which is staffed by Project Workers 7 days a week.



Sherdley House
Dobsons Way
St Helens
WA9 5DY



18-21 years old



This service operates 24/7



SELINA COOPER HOUSE

The Selina Cooper House Scheme provides supported residential accommodation to young parents aged between 16 and 25. We are commissioned by St Helens MBC Children and Adult Services, the Supporting People Programme and the Children's Health Commissioner to equip service users and clients with the knowledge and skills they need to become confident, positive, independent families. Support is provided around childcare, managing and minimising risk, healthy lifestyles, emotional well-being and accessing specialist services.

The accommodation consists of self contained fully furnished maisonettes. Some have two bedrooms and others have three. There is a large communal play area on the ground floor.

Staff are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We provide a high level of support to prepare young people to become positive, confident parents who are able to manage and maintain an independent tenancy in the community. The team consists of the Scheme Manager and four Project Workers.

Once families move out of Selina Cooper House, staff from our Floating Support Team can support them in their move into an independent tenancy – helping them on the next stage of their journey to total independence.



12 Tickle Avenue
Parr
St Helens
WA9 1RZ



16-25 years old



This service operates 24/7



PARENTING ASSESSMENT UNIT (PAU)

The Family Centre provides parenting assessments in a residential environment for families who are experiencing difficulties in parenting their babies or young children, possibly linked to ongoing care proceedings. The Centre is registered with Ofsted which is the Government department who make sure that organisations providing education, training and care services, provide them to a high standard.

We provide a family-friendly environment which meets the daily emotional, physical and social well-being needs of parents, young children and other family members.

Our Residential Assessments are typically delivered over a 12 week period, offering comprehensive and individualised packages of care and support. We use a process called PAMS which covers all aspects of people's parenting and independent living skills. Assessments are overseen by our Social Worker and Registered Manager.

SHAP's Residential Family Centre is committed to promoting the best outcomes for children and we believe those outcomes to include the opportunity for each child to live, grow and thrive in safety.

How to access the scheme: Referrals to our Residential Family Centre will be made by the allocated Social Worker as directed by the Family Courts.



12 Tickle Avenue
Parr
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16-25 years old



This service operates 24/7



MEYRICK COURT

Meyrick Court is a purpose built development of nine self contained, one-bedroom flats and two, two-bedroom flats situated in Newton-le-Willows owned by Regenda Homes. Tenancies are granted on an assured shorthold basis and each flat is either fully or part-furnished.

The staff team consists of the Scheme Manager and a Project Worker.

The Scheme provides self-contained accommodation for young single men and women aged 16-24, who are unable to live at home for any reason, or who have become homeless.

This can include:

- care leavers
- young people with offending behaviour
- young people who are experiencing mental ill-health
- young single parents needing accommodation for themselves and their child(ren).

People currently stay for up to 2 years, while they work with us to assess their needs and we support them to become independent. There is an office on site, which is staffed by a Scheme Workers during office hours and tenants requiring advice, information or support can call in at anytime to speak to staff.



7 Meyrick Court
Viaduct Street
Newton Le Willows
WA12 9GB



18-25 years old



Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm



BELVIDERE FAMILY CENTRE

The Belvidere Family Centre provides emergency accommodation for homeless families. This emergency accommodation is made available for a temporary period only, following assessment by Liverpool City Council's Housing Options Service.

The Centre is managed jointly by SHAP and the Whitechapel Centre – with staff from both organisations delivering accommodation-based housing-related support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The staff team comprises of a Manager and nine Project Workers.

You will be allocated a named key-worker who will be responsible for helping you find permanent accommodation, register on Property Pool and ensuring you are able to claim and maintain any benefits that you are entitled to. You do not need to be on benefits to be referred to the service.

Whilst residing at Belvidere Family Centre we can support you to:

- Identify any barriers to may have being rehoused such as rent arrears, anti-social behaviour, etc
- Develop independent living skills
- Explore the full range of appropriate and realistic housing options that are available to you
- Register on Liverpool's property pool system
- Make appropriate and realistic bids for properties
- Understand the facilities in the local area and to research the area in which you would choose to move
- Prepare for the transition to independence and permanent housing.



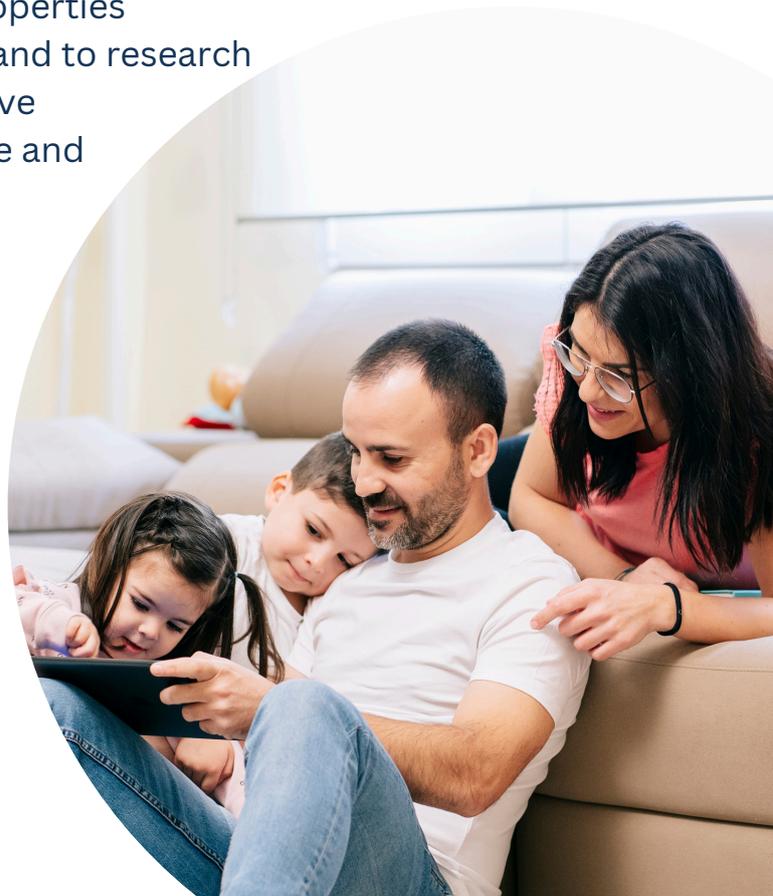
7-9 Belvidere Park
Princess Park
Liverpool
L8 3TF



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This service operates 24/7



ELIZABETH ANDERSON HOUSE

Elizabeth Anderson House was originally a very large house that was first converted into 12 bedsits and then later into five, two bedroom self-contained flats for single, teenage parents aged 16 to 25 years. Each family has their own fully furnished flat and access to a communal lounge and a garden where children can play.

Staff offer support around managing money, preparing healthy meals, claiming welfare benefits, accessing training, education or employment.

The building is situated close to bus routes, shops, nurseries and schools.

Parents can stay for up to 2 years and are supported to move to their own independent property. The average stay is about 14 months.

Staff are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The team consists of the Scheme Manager and four Project Workers.

We enable parents to recognise the positive changes needed to create safe and nurturing homes where they can fulfil their potential.



HARM REDUCTION SCHEME

Working in partnership with The Whitechapel Centre, Liverpool Harm Reduction Scheme provides accommodation for men aged 40 and over:

- with a connection to Liverpool
- with alcohol problems (and maybe also a range of other support needs)
- who are in need of housing and need support to manage their alcohol use

Harm Reduction Scheme provides on-site intensive support 24 hours a day to help residents manage and maintain their accommodation safely. We recognise that some people may not be ready to stop using alcohol. Our focus is providing the right support to reduce the negative consequences of alcohol.

We agree a personalised support plan with each person and provide person-centred, intensive support to enable each person to better manage any potential risk of harm associated with alcohol or substance use and work towards being ready to live independently in their own accommodation.

We can help individuals access treatment, health and other services, many of which are provided on site. Daily activities and education sessions are provided to promote engagement through meaningful activities.



2 Aigburth Drive
Liverpool
Merseyside
L17 3AA



Men aged 40 years +



This service operates 24/7



DOMESTIC ABUSE REFUGE

The domestic abuse accommodation service provides supportive, protective and preventative services to help and support high risk victims of domestic abuse and their families – we work with service users to rebuild their lives and those of their children.

Staff will help by:

- Providing specialist domestic abuse support, including safety planning and domestic abuse programmes, such as Gateway support around maximising income, including benefits
- Help with basic household skills
- Support around isolation and trauma
- Support around moving on from Refuge to independent accommodation
- Developing life and resettlement skills

We work with all clients on an agreed support plan, and try to ensure the safety of clients and their children at all times. All service users are treated with respect and courtesy, and are given information to help them to make choices and decisions during what is a difficult time in their lives. We will signpost clients to relevant specialist services, such as health, children's services, education and legal services if necessary.



Women aged 00-00 fleeing domestic abuse.



This service operates 24/7



KIRKBY/BARNHEY

Resettlement Supported Accommodation - comprising of 17 self contained flats for young people aged 16-24 years old (with low to medium support needs), who require support to help them gain the knowledge and skills they require to live independently. Residents can live at the project for up to 2 years.

Supported Accommodation - 22 self contained flats, providing intensive housing management support for people over the age of 24, who do not meet the criteria for the resettlement scheme.

The staff team consists of the Scheme Manager and two Project Workers.

The Scheme offers accommodation to:

- care leavers
- young people with offending behaviour
- young people who are experiencing mental ill-health
- young single parents needing accommodation for themselves and their child(ren).

People can stay at the Scheme for up to 2 years, while they work with us to assess their needs and we support them to become independent.

There is an office on site, which is staffed by project workers 8am – 5pm, Monday to Friday – tenants requiring advice, information or support can call in at anytime to speak to staff.



16 Barn Hey Road
Kirkby
Merseyside
L33 5XU



16-24 years old



8am-5pm, Mon-Fri



SHELAGH DELANEY HOUSE/OCTAVIA COURT

Shelagh Delaney House is an emergency accommodation project for young homeless people, who are unable to remain living at home for any reason. The project has 5 furnished flats, and young people usually stay for up to 10 days, although this may be longer while they work with staff to assess their housing and support needs. Young people are usually referred via the local authority, Housing Advice Services (Housing Solutions), or through social workers and other professionals.

Octavia Court consists of 17 one bedroom flats on a single site. A full housing management and support service is provided. The tenancies are granted on an assured short hold basis and the age range is normally 16-25, and the scheme is primarily for young single people, and young parents with a child. Young people are able to stay for up to 2 years, while they develop the skills needed to live independently.

There is an office on site, which is staffed by Project Workers 7 days a week and then covered by an on-site concierge service:

- Monday to Friday Project Worker office hours: 08:00-17:00
- Monday to Friday Security / Concierge hours: 16:30-08:30

Tenants requiring advice, info or support can call in at anytime on any day of the week between 8am and 6pm to speak to staff.

 7 Octavia Court
Huyton
Merseyside
L36 0YW

 16-25 years old



BAME COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

SHAP's BAME Community Development Scheme aims to improve access to mainstream mental health and wellbeing services for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) people (including asylum seekers, refugees and those granted Indefinite Leave to Remain) living and / or working in Halton, Knowsley and St Helens.

Our Community Development Scheme works to improve the wellbeing of local BAME communities by:

- Providing support and assistance to members of the BAME community to access mainstream mental health and social care services
- Working in partnership with service providers to identify and address language, cultural and other barriers experienced by members of the community when accessing services
- Working with service providers to find better and more effective ways of engaging and communicating with their local BAME communities
- Translating communication and information material into community languages
- Delivering Cultural Awareness / Cultural Competency Training to front line staff and local organisations so they are better informed about the communities they work with and are delivering culturally appropriate and inclusive services.



6-8 Tickle Avenue
Parr
St Helens
WA9 1RZ



Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic /
Organisations



Mon-Wed, 00-00



ST HELENS FLOATING SUPPORT TEAM

St Helens Floating Support Scheme provides community housing-related support for 16 – 25-year-old men, women, lone parents and families who live in St Helens and need help to maintain their tenancy.

Working alongside:

- The local authority
- Health Visitors
- Family Nurse Partnership
- Department of Work and Pensions
- Local housing providers
- Shap's other Floating Support Schemes
- Selina Cooper House Scheme

Our Floating Support Worker supports young people to develop the skills and confidence they need to live independently in their own tenancies.

SOLO

We have seven two-bed-roomed terraced properties that we manage on behalf of Riverside Housing Association which we use to accommodate young parents who are unable to access other housing providers. Individuals can be accommodated for up to 2 years whilst working through a programme of support ready to be able to apply for an accommodation with other housing providers.



6-8 Tickle Avenue
Parr
St Helens
WA9 1RZ



16-25, living in St Helens



Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm



STEPS SUPPORTED LODGINGS

Steps Supported Lodgings Scheme helps young people aged between 16 – 21 (and occasionally, up 25) years old, who are a child looked after by the Local Authority, or may be leaving care.

Supported Lodgings provide young people with the opportunity to live in a family-like setting, within someone's home, providing the householder with an opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life.

By offering space in their home and some support, individuals can provide emotional support and help a young person develop the practical, everyday, skills that they need for adult life. This can include things such as:

- Encouraging and supporting the young person to access or continue with education, training or work
- Managing money
- Developing life skills such as learning to cook and do housework
- Attending appointments
- Building confidence

All of the young people involved in the STEPS Scheme have a Social Worker and / or Personal Adviser to support them. Also, SHAP's Project Worker will be available to help both the young person and you. You will be able to access training from both SHAP and the local council – as this is probably something completely new to you.



Bearly House
67 Liverpool Road
St Helens
WA10 1PQ



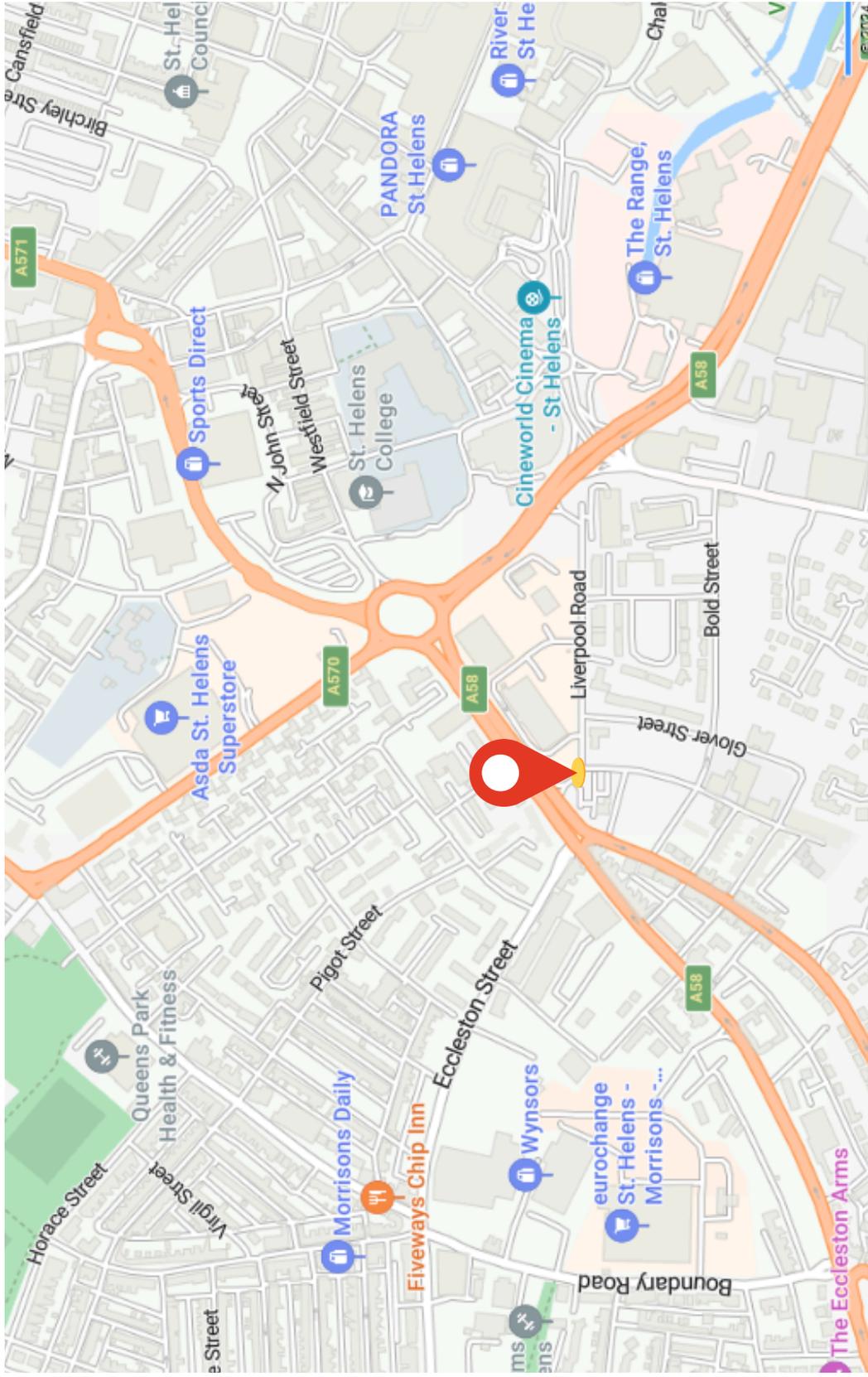
Care leavers/young people looked after by local authority aged 16-21.



Hosts live in various parts of Merseyside.



SHAP HEAD OFFICE



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