

PORCH PROJECT

Beneficiaries

Clients

- a trusting relationship
- increased self esteem
- access to and support in appropriate housing
- personal development in relationships
- work prospects
- assistance with finance, benefit and debt issues

Accommodation Providers/Landlords

- support in management of tenants
- help with housing benefits/funding issues
- regular communication/contact with landlords and clients

Wider Community

- local people connected with other support agencies and networks
- reduce re-offending
- greater social inclusion

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Devon and Cornwall Police

Devon and Cornwall Probation Area

HM Prison Service

Devon Partnership Trust

Exeter City Council

Safer Devon Partnership



Devon & Cornwall Police

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Offender
Resettlement through
Co-ordinated
Housing*



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What is PORCH?

The PORCH Project was formed in 2006 in partnership with the Prolific and Priority Offender Unit to provide specialist housing and support to promote the resettlement of prolific and other persistent offenders in the community.

The overall aim of the project is to reduce re-offending and contribute to safer communities by providing sustainable accommodation and support to offenders.

The dictionary definition of 'PORCH' is a 'sheltered entrance' and this is exactly what we seek to provide these offenders returning to the area from prisons, by providing an intensive package of support and assistance in partnership with colleagues from the Police, Probation and Health.

Referrals come from a variety of sources including prisons, drug treatment agencies, the Police and Probation. The service is available to men and women offenders, over the age of 18, who live in Exeter, East and Mid Devon, or are returning to these areas from prison.

Housing

Following a referral, initial contract will be made within 3 weeks and involves a detailed needs and risk assessment in order to develop a package of support that suits each client's individual needs.

We also offer practical support to the accommodation providers ensuring the placement goes smoothly for both PORCH clients and the landlords and we are always looking to develop relationships with new housing providers in the area we cover.

We work closely with accommodation providers to extend the amount and variety of accommodation options for offenders and are always seeking to develop partnerships with landlords and housing providers in the areas we cover.

LANDLORDS

If you would like to learn more about working with PORCH, please contact Becky Newton 01392 421248 or via becky.porchproject@gmail.com

What Can You Expect?

As an offender:

- ⇒ You will have a dedicated housing worker who will work with you to address your accommodation and resettlement needs
- ⇒ We will keep in touch with you regularly whether you are in prison or in the community
- ⇒ We aim to seek a variety of accommodation options depending on your circumstances
- ⇒ We will help you to access benefits and deal with finance and debt issues
- ⇒ We will treat you with fairness and respect

As a Landlord:

- ⇒ We will risk assess clients to ensure that they are appropriately referred to your service
- ⇒ We will support your tenants to maintain their tenancies well
- ⇒ We will ensure that claims for Housing Benefit are applied for and will assist in liaising with Housing Benefit Departments when necessary
- ⇒ We will assist you with landlord/tenant relationships and guarantee to respond to any query/problem within one working day