

M3 Project **N E W S**

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Future funding

M3 Project is reviewing its core business to ensure the future is sound.

A management consultant has been brought in to provide specialist funding assistance. He already understands the core work of M3 Project and has worked successfully with similar charities.

A new service provision will be announced before next April.

Meet the team



Jayne

I HAVE worked for M3 for over five years now after redundancy from a career spanning 24 years with HMRC.

I am responsible for day-to-day admin, finance and monitoring and have particularly enjoyed becoming actively involved in fundraising over the last 18 months.

As a mum of two teenagers, I am proud to play my small part in working towards a positive outcome for each one of the young people who are referred to us.

M3 saved my life



AFTER spending most of her childhood in care and going down the wrong route with drugs, Chantelle has now rebuilt her life thanks to help from M3 Project.

She first became homeless at 16, when she was kicked out of home after starting a relationship with a man who was six years older.

Although her aunt initially took her in, the arrangements were not suitable because she had to share a bedroom with her 15-year-old male cousin.

That led Chantelle to M3 Project and she went into emergency supported accommodation, where she settled and stayed for 18 months.

"I was still seeing the man and I moved out and got a flat in Burnley," she said.

Te relationship turned sour a year later and Chantelle got the chance to move to Belgium, where her father's family live.

However, after nine months in a foreign country, she realised how much she missed her siblings and returned to the UK.

Initially she returned to the home of her dad and stepmother, but after two weeks it was not working out and she found herself homeless again.

"I thought I am going to have to go back to M3," said Chantelle. "At first I had another place in supported lodgings for a year and now I have my own flat in Balladen.

"I work at the Wacky Warehouse in Rawtenstall and I run my own healthy coffee parties.

"I love living in Balladen, it has a really good vibe and my brother attends the school locally and he comes here for tea.

"M3 Project has saved my life, twice. Belgium was good for me, it showed me a different way of life, I learnt a new language and I learnt a lot about myself.

"I now don't do drugs and will never go back to them, for me now life is a natural drug and I am thriving on it. I have also volunteered for substance misuse agency Inspire.

"I smoked at 16, but this January I stopped and I have never thought about starting again.

"If M3 had not been there for me then I feel I would have spiralled into drugs or other substance misuse; they have been a life-saver.

"I have always been independent, but now I am also so much more confident. When I needed help, M3 was there for me and I am so grateful for everything."

So what is M3?

M3 is a specialist charity that offers a variety of accommodation services to homeless young people aged 16-25.

Accommodation is provided throughout Pennine Lancashire in Rossendale, Burnley, Pendle and Hyndburn using supported lodgings as well as independent supported properties.

From our office base in Rawtenstall, we offer up to 13 supported lodgings places alongside nine teenage family places across East Lancashire.

Click to support

HELPING M3 couldn't be easier – it is just a click away.

On our website there is a donations section where you can select how you would like to help the project.

Just click your choice and follow the simple instructions.

M3 facts

IN 2015 we helped 26 young people with lodgings and 17 young mothers in our teenage family project offering more than 7,000 nights accommodation.

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