Old Windsor United Charities

Registered charity number 240660



Independent Living Agreement at the Penny Royal Almshouses

<u>Definition</u>: Independent living at Penny Royal is defined as being able to do the following unassisted:

- get up in the morning,
- wash and dress,
- make a meal,

the ability to leave the property quickly in the event of a fire.

Any concern about a resident should be followed by an assessment and action.

Process to assess independent living:

- 1. The Trustees or NOK become aware that the resident is unable to get up in the morning, wash and dress, make a meal unassisted **OR** is unable to leave the property quickly and unassisted in the event of a fire.
- 2. The House Manager advises the resident that the Trustees want to arrange for the Local Authority to undertake an Independent Living Assessment.
 - a. If the resident agrees then the assessment is arranged.
 - b. If the resident refuses then the Setting Aside Process begins (ending the right to occupy the alms house).
- 3. After 2a (assessment) the Local Authority representative may advise the provision and installation of the following equipment: grab rails, handrails, shower seat, perching stool, bed rail, bed riser, chair risers, wrist/pendant alarm or inflatable chair cushion.
- 4. If a wrist/pendant alarm is provided then the resident needs to commit to wearing it at all times whilst in their house.
- 5. The resident and their NOK may be asked to investigate and arrange alternative care provision if:
 - a. If more than the equipment outlined above is required or if the resident refuses to use the equipment.
 - b. The resident is unable to leave the property quickly and unassisted in the event of a fire.
 - c. The resident needs more than three care calls a day.
- 6. If the resident and the NOK do not agree to investigate and arrange alternative care provision then the Trustees may arrange for a private Occupational Therapist to provide an Access Assessment. If the OT agrees that the resident does not fulfil the requirements of independent living at the Penny Royal Almshouses then the Setting Aside process would begin.

This process would be repeated if the resident's circumstances change.

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Dear [Resident's Name],

In order to comply with care legislation, to ensure the safety of other residents and to bring the Penny Royal Almshouses into line with other almshouses, Old Windsor United Charities have developed an Independent Living Agreement. This has been developed following consultation with a local authority representative and other almshouse charities.

Once you have read the Independent Living Definition and Process, please sign below and ask your next of kin (NOK) to sign below as well, then return to the Trustees via the Clerk/House Manager.

If you have any concerns or questions, please put them in writing, either in the 36A letter box or e-mailed to clerk.owuc@gmail.com and Gen will pass them to the trustees.

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Penny Royal Almshouses - Independent Living Agreement

I have read and understand the Independent Living Agreement. I also understand that if my situation changes I agree to follow the process outlined in the Agreement.

Signed	(resident)	Signed	.(NOK)
Date		Date	