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HOUSING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE

If outpatient care is stated insufficient to support living independently, it becomes necessary to evaluate one's need for housing services. Housing services provide intensive care and support for people whose independent living is not possible because of mental illness or substance abuse.

Assessment of service needs

Assessment of service needs is conducted by the Special housing unit, which operates as a unit under Social and health care services. A housing service director from the Special housing unit arranges to meet with the customer and his workers and if the customer wants, his close relatives. The housing service director collects information about the customer, his abilities in everyday life, his need for services and services which have been tried and tested. The Special housing working group decides what type of service will be provided to the customer. If housing services are not provided, the working group makes a suggestion of other support services that could be useful.

Providers of Housing services

Housing services are arranged as outsourced services. Service homes are located in southern Finland up to 100 kilometers from Järvenpää. There are dozens of service providers from which the most suitable service is defined. Housing services are listed in three classes according to the amount of support provided: supported housing, service housing and intensive service housing.

The contents of provided Housing services are always based on an individual rehabilitation plan which has been constructed in co-operation with the Special housing unit, the service provider, the customer and if needed, the outpatient care services.

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