



Press release

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Emerald House Scheme provides much needed supported housing and specialist mental health services

One Housing Group (OHG) held an event on Thursday 10th September to mark the opening of its new Emerald House scheme in Enfield, which is run in conjunction with Enfield Council. The scheme was officially opened by the Mayor of Enfield and Pauline Kettless, Supporting People Manager at Enfield Council.

Part of Enfield's Supporting People Programme, Emerald House is an exciting new service that is the first in the borough to provide the very latest supported housing and specialist services 24 hours a day to 13 customers with mental health needs.

Comprising 13 self contained flats as well as a shared lounge and garden area, Emerald House has been designed to the highest specification by Project5 Architects and includes various safety features such as a door entry system and CCTV. The service has a dedicated 24 hour staff team who work closely with other services in the borough to support customers and to prepare them for independent living in the community.

Commenting on the Emerald House scheme, Kevin Beirne, Group Director of Housing Care and Support at One Housing Group, said: "We are delighted to officially open Emerald House, a new scheme providing much needed supported housing and support services for people with mental health needs. It is a flagship scheme that will deliver real impact and benefit for the local community."

Cllr Edward Smith, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services said "I am delighted to see Enfield Council working alongside One Housing Group to help people who are vulnerable live in the community with support."

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Notes to Editors

One Support is the housing, care and support arm of One Housing Group. With a reputation for providing high quality modern supported housing and services, One Support has been the largest developer of supported housing in London for the last 5 years.

One Housing Group currently manages over 12,000 homes in 26 local authorities across London and adjacent counties, with over 2,700 homes in the development pipeline. These include shared ownership schemes; intermediate rent homes for key workers, affordable rented homes and homes for outright sale.