

# Streetline



## Welcome!

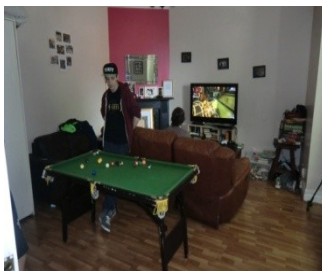
It isn't always easy living away from home with people you've never met before. I hope that this booklet will help you to get a better understanding of who we are and what we are about.



### Streetline 556

We are a house right beside Croke Park on the North Circular Road with a maximum of four lads from 14 to 18 years old. We are small enough, but the people living here make it special. All of the lads come from very different backgrounds and are supported through any challenging times. We recognize your uniqueness/individuality and we hope you will too.

The one thing you will have in common with all the lads is that for now, none of you can live at home.



## **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

For staff and residents to be able to live together it is important that we all try to make this as positive an experience as possible. We achieve this by having clear expectations of behaviour, rights and responsibilities.

### **What You Need to Know About Streetline**

#### **Shared living**

Streetline has the capacity for four residents with at least two members of staff on duty at all times. It is not easy to share a house with people who are not family.

Shared living means you have to 'give and take' and be able to compromise for things like sharing the TV and play station.



#### **Records**

While living in Streetline many records will be kept to record your time with us and any decision made which affect you. You can read any report written about you. (unless in your 'restricted' file). Accessing your files can be done through your Keyworker. You also have the right to write your own comments on any written documents.

#### **Respect**

Everyone has the right to feel accepted no matter who they are, where they come from, what they look like, their religion, sexual orientation, disability or background.

However, while you are living in Streetline the staff have a particular role as guardians. It is their duty to keep the house safe. This means they have authority in the house to ensure safety. This authority must be respected by follow staff direction.



#### **Education/Work:**

Education and training will give you choices in life. We will do our best to find education/training that suits you. Streetline is not a 'doss house' and we expect all out residents to progress in life and make the most of opportunities around you.

#### **Care Plan**

Each young person has a care plan. The care plan is an agreement between you, Streetline, your family and social worker for what needs to happen for you in the next year. This is reviewed every six months so that it can be changed if it needs to be.

#### **Placement Plan:**

A Placement Plan is your daily plan while living in Streetline and includes where you want to go in your life and what needs to happen to get you there.

### Health:

If you do not have your own doctor we have a doctor and dentist you can go to if you need to. They are really close to the house. It is important that as a young man your personal care is good so we will help you with that.



### Smoking:

If you are a smoker, you can smoke in the back yard if you have permission from your parents or guardian to do so. However, as smoking is very bad for you we will be encouraging you to stop. We will support you in any way we can to help you stop smoking.

### How Pocket Money is earned?

Your keyworker will tell you how you earn your pocket money. It includes doing a daily chore and keeping to your daily plan. You need to use your pocket money to pay for phone credit, goodies and any other stuff.



### Weekend Activities

On the weekend, we try to do a house activity such as a kick-a-bout in the park, or a drive somewhere. On most weeks, we try to have one paid activity.

### Handovers:

This means that the 2 staff going home tell the 2 staff coming in how the day went. We go through practical stuff and then talk about each resident and his day. We ask residents to give us a bit of space while this is on, it will take between 30-60 min depending on the day. It is very important, as this will make sure information does not get lost.



**Team Meetings:** Every Wednesdays between 10am until 1pm there will be a team meeting. The whole staff team comes in, we discuss each young person, and how they are getting on. You can give input or ask for feedback from these meetings if you are interested.



**Bedtime:** During the week / school nights, bedtime is 11pm and on weekends and holidays, bedtime is 12pm. You will need to have your shower/laundry/ snack/tea before bedtime.

**Bedrooms:** Your bedroom is your space and the team will help to make it yours (paint and posters). Anyone entering should knock at your door first and wait for your signal. No other resident is allowed in your bedroom or you in theirs.



**Food/M meal time:** We usually go food shopping one day a week and are on a budget. The lads help by bringing in or unpacking the groceries. We try to vary the meals during the week and consult the young people on their likes or dislikes. We encourage everyone to eat together. Only small snacks allowed in the living room!! Everyone is responsible for putting their own dishes/ cups in dishwasher and cleaning up after themselves.



**Cleaning:** We all live together in a shared space in which people are expected to pick up their own cups and plates, rubbish or clothes and keep your bedroom clean. Everyone has a chore to do every night to help keep our space clean.



**Drugs/ Alcohol:** We expect that you do not return to the house under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Everyone living in Streetline has the right to feel safe, so if someone does return under the influence, they will have to go straight to their bedroom and the issue will be dealt with the following day. If you have difficulties with alcohol or drugs, we can support you and get help for you.

**Holidays:** We enjoy getting away from the city and we try to do this as often as possible. This can be a camping trip or renting a holiday home in Wexford, Carlingford, Wicklow and so on. It is a lot of fun and a way of getting to know each other better.

**Boys Meeting:** Every Tuesday we have a lads meeting where everyone can discuss living in Streetline and come up with realistic ideas of how things can be improved. All issues raised by the lads are discussed at the team meeting and feedback should be given to the young person.



**Family:** Streetline are very aware that, although you are in our care, you are also part of a family whom are important in your life. Family will always be welcome to Streetline. Where possible, parents, or guardian, are encouraged to work in partnership with us to remain part of your life in a positive way.

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### **Daily running of the house**

For Streetline to be able to run smoothly, both the staff and young people have to keep to basic rules. For example: household chores, to return home at the agreed time, be enrolled in education or employment, keep noise down to acceptable levels etc and remember that all the residents and staff also have to go to bed, to sleep so that you can get on with your day the in the morning.

### **Bullying**

All people in Streetline have the right to feel comfortable and not under threat from anyone. Any bullying incidents are taken seriously and will have consequences.



### **Complaint's**

As a resident of Streetline you have the right to complain and have this complaint taken seriously. Your keyworker will inform you of the complaint's process and how it works or you can make one through the web site on [www.streetline.ie](http://www.streetline.ie)

### **Friends**

Friendships are important and your friends are welcome to visit Streetline once we know they are not putting you or your welfare at risk. Sometimes we need warning if you are bringing up a friend just in case the house is too busy with other meetings or visitors. Like any other house, friends can only stay for a certain length of time.





### **What if Streetline is not working out?**

If we work together, there is no reason why Streetline cannot work out for you. If you are not coping, we will do everything we can to help you. However, if your behavior puts you and others at risk, we need to act. Streetline have a 3 Written Warning system which is naming for you and your social worker that your behavior needs to change. If we reach a third written warning we will inform TUSLA that the placement has broken down and move to discharge.



### **Streetline 558 ‘Next Door’**

Our AfterCare unit takes in young men between 18 and 22 years of age who are working or engaging in full time education! The lads next door are always coming in for cups of tea and a chat and are glad to get any leftovers going. They love to “borrow” things from our kitchen! “After Claire” is the nickname for the person looking after the lads next door and she has been part of the team for many years. Next door is unique in the fact that it isn’t staffed 24/7; there is a trusting relationship between staff and the lads.













### **Website:**

We have our own website [www.streetline.ie](http://www.streetline.ie) where you can find more information about us. Streetline corner tells you all about what is available around us like clubs and sport.

## Streetline Team Streetline team

We are a team who come from different backgrounds/cultures There is a huge amount of commitment, dedication and good will towards all the young people and towards each other.

	Maeve is the manager but it is the keyworkers and staff on shift who are in charge of the lads and house.
	Claire is the longest in Streetline, also known as 'Aunty Claire' as she is in charge of all our over 18 lads who move Next Door. Claire really does not look like this picture.
	Paul has great energy. He is great at all the fixing things in Streetline and getting the lads and staff involved in kayaking.
	Louise is also known as 'Granny' and is a real mammy
	Mick is the rock of Streetline. He is also best cook in the house.
	Phil is a through and through Blue. (Dub)
	Aoife is our 'lovely Galway Girl' - a bit mad in a nice way.
	Kate is great fun and hates this picture.
	Eddie is our Action triathlons man who loves chocolate
	Daryl is our in-house 'Bob the Builder'

So that's Streetline! We hope that you work with us to make your placement here a positive stepping stone towards your future.

**Please sign that you have read and agree  
to the rules of Streetline**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to follow the rules of the Streetline house as long as I live here.

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