

Adults with High Functioning Aspergers are just as vulnerable as adults with learning disabilities or autism.

Adults with Aspergers often have complex needs around depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), substance misuse and relationship difficulties. Individuals may commit offences, affecting their mental capacity, alongside their level of responsibility and can show little or no empathy with others.

Ben's Story... Ben came to live at Walmersley Road after a spell in a Young Offenders Institute, where they had diagnosed Aspergers Syndrome. When he first arrived, he lacked many daily living skills and was unable to live independently. Through a 2 year period, alongside the staff team and key multi-disciplinary professionals, his skills development around daily tasks in the home, attending appointments, budgeting and improving his social inclusion, greatly increased. With

some prompting he is able to think "outside the box", recently moving out of Walmersley Road and successfully living independently in his own house, alongside reduced support from the outreach support team. Ben has gone back to college, completed a course in Welding and achieved his two first qualifications, and is looking forward to the future.

Don't forget..Walmersley Road outreach support service also provides practical, appropriate support to enable carers or parents to have regular breaks whilst having peace of mind that their loved ones are adequately supported at home or out in the community.

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Walmersley Road

- ◆ **Registered Residential home and outreach support service for people with learning disabilities, including those on the autistic spectrum**
- ◆ **Accredited with the National Autistic Society**
- ◆ **Skilled in supporting vulnerable, high functioning individuals with Asperger Syndrome and associated complex needs**
- ◆ **Provides respite care, both long and short term**
- ◆ **Supports effective communication, activities of daily living, encourages independence and focuses on outcomes**
- ◆ **Works in partnership with Probation & Forensic Teams, CPN's, NAS, Social Workers & substance misuse professionals**

Walmersley Road is close to the town centre and community activities of Bury. The service offers individualised support & care, in a stable environment, aiding activities of daily living.



The skilled staff team benefit from working closely with Potens Behavioural Specialist as well as in-house training and e-learning plus access to Bury PCT training courses.

Walmersley Road offers support to address:

- autistic spectrum disorders - Asperger Syndrome -learning disabilities -behaviour that challenges -adults on probation or licence
- community activities and inclusion

The National Autistic Society (NAS) made particular reference to the team's support skills in promoting independence, service user involvement and focusing on outcomes.

