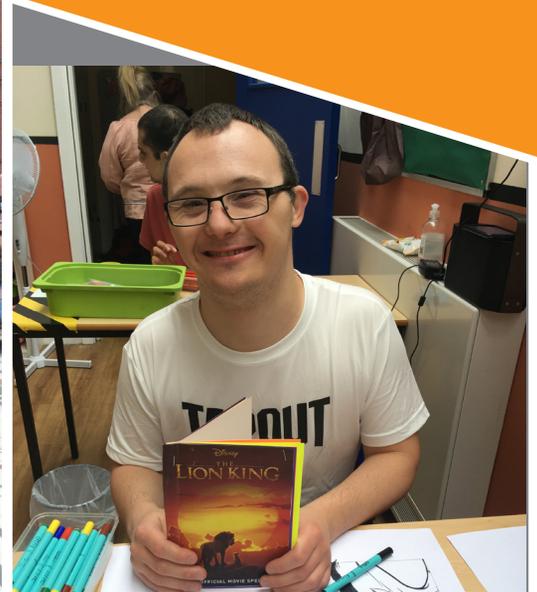




OLIVE TREE & REACH SKILLS CENTRE

BLACKBURN



Olive Tree and Reach Skills Centre are based in Blackburn providing community support to adults with a range of needs including learning disabilities, autism, physical disabilities, and mental health needs.

Olive Tree offers supported living and domiciliary care serviced to people across Blackburn and our linked *Reach Skills Centre* supports people to develop their skill range through curriculum-based sessions and activities in house and out in the community.



OLIVE TREE DOMICILIARY SERVICES



Olive Tree is a support service for adults with learning disabilities, autism, mental health and complex needs. We are registered with the Care Quality Commission who regulate care services in England.

Olive Tree offers individual, person-centred support packages tailored to the individuals needs. This support can be offered in either a supported living arrangement or through outreach support. Support packages can start from 15 hours each week to 24 hours support daily.

All Olive Tree staff are fully trained in line with national requirements and have a wealth of experience in the care sector. Olive Tree staff have a shared vision focussed on promoting independence, choice, individuality and work towards achieving outcomes and goals.

Our services are rated good by the care Quality Commission (CQC) meaning they are safe, effective, caring, well-led and responsive.

“ I am forever thankful for the support my daughter, Lucy receives from Olive tree and that as a family, we feel relaxed knowing Lucy is in their care. We enjoy the fact that a variety of choices and activities are offered to Lucy and could not be happier of the support Lucy receives. ”

Family Member of a Person We Support

REACH SKILLS CENTRE AND ASDAN



REACH Skills Centre is based at the Olive Tree offices offering a service for individuals to build and develop their skill range through curriculum-based sessions and activities in house and out in the community.



ASDAN

The students in REACH work closely with the ASDAN programme. ASDAN is an education charity and awarding organisation providing courses, accredited curriculum programmes and regulated qualifications to engage, elevate and empower individuals.

Support can be 1:1 or shared depending on the needs of the individual. REACH skills centre operates Mon-Fri between the hours of 9am-4pm.

All REACH staff are fully trained in line with national requirements and have a wealth of experience in the care sector. REACH staff have a shared vision focussed on promoting independence, choice, individuality and work towards achieving outcomes and goals.

“ I attend REACH skills centre three times a week. I have learnt lots of new things and made some friends for life. I enjoy going to all the different activities and sessions at REACH and out in the community. I have even got myself a voluntary job with the skills I have learnt. ”

George, Person We Support

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A SUPPORT PACKAGE?

The Olive Tree and REACH team will work with you and your support network to create a programme of activities and outcomes which you enjoy and what you want to achieve. We will then design a plan to support you with this and monitor and review how you are progressing, identifying strengths and areas for additional support and development. Here are some examples of what the individuals at our service are accessing:

- Swimming
- Dancing & Music
- Multi-sports
- Archery
- Ice-skating
- Gym
- Volunteering
- Horse-riding
- Football
- Walks
- Golf
- Trips and holidays



“ I am a Skills Coordinator at Olive Tree. My greatest passion is inspiring individuals to feel positive in their health and well-being. I love my role and job helping others. ”

Ruqayya, Staff Member

WHAT SUPPORT MAY LOOK LIKE...

Olive Tree and REACH offer a person-centred service and will provide support to meet your needs.

Our role includes:

- Supporting with daily living tasks around your home
- Supporting to manage and attend appointments
- Administering of medication
- Delivering personal care
- Managing correspondence
- Accessing the community
- Shopping
- Attending meaningful activities
- Health and wellbeing support
- Day trips / Weekend breaks / Holidays
- Upskilling
- Social inclusion
- Developing friendships
- Liaising with professionals
- Money management
- Healthy living
- Emotional support



ASDAN



Meet Alec...

This is Alec, Alec had always lived in the family home with his mother. Alec wanted to live independently in his own accommodation however was anxious about living on his own. With lots of support and reassurance from his staff members, Alec identified a place where he would like to live and slowly transitioned into his new home. Alec is learning and developing his skills and now lives independently.



Meet Razina

This is Razina, Razina showed interest in taking up a voluntary job that she would undertake during her support. Razina and her staff member asked around the local shops and Razina was offered a job in a book shop. Razina now volunteers each week and is enjoying her new role.



“ I have worked at Olive Tree for 11 years and I love my role and making a difference to peoples lives. I have seen many of the people we support progress throughout the years and achieve things they never thought they could achieve. Helping people set goals and seeing them achieve these is rewarding. ”

Dave, Service Manager

Meet Lewis

This is Lewis, Lewis told his staff member that he did not like the amount of litter in his local area. Lewis asked for support from staff member, Nicola to help clean up his local area. Nicola contacted the local authority and applied for some equipment for Lewis and herself so that they could achieve this goal. Lewis now helps clean up his local area with the help from his staff member.



WHY POTENS?

We remain committed to '**Supporting your Choice**'

We have over 30 years' experience of delivering specialist community, residential, supported living, respite, educational and day opportunities services for children and adults with learning disabilities, autism, mental health and complex needs.

4 Reasons to Choose Potens

TRUST

Ensure that all communications are truthful, understandable to those it affects and maintains the relationship of reliability.

POSITIVE REGARD

Recognising and respecting the differences that every individual brings, both good and bad, and making the necessary adjustments to assist individuals to positively grow.

SHARED LEARNING

An undertaking to: the sharing of knowledge, skills, attitudes and understanding which would ensure that any activity that will be undertaken, will be done to the best of our collective abilities.

EQUALITY

Treating everyone differently in order to afford them the same opportunities. Through personalisation, empowering individuals to make choices and overcome obstacles.

What Happens Next?

It all starts with an informal chat with one of our team.

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