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Work starts on independent living project at Rough Close, Meir Heath



Works have started to transform a bungalow, which previously provided shared accommodation, into independent accommodation for six residents with learning disabilities.

The flats will provide the original residents with independent homes with their own front doors, as well as a communal lounge and facilities for on-site staff who will provide care and support for the residents.

Staffordshire Housing Association is carrying out the project in partnership with Stafford County Council and care and support provider Turning Point, with funding from the Department of Health. The contractor is Stoke-on-Trent based IPM Building Contractors and the conversion project will take around nine months.

Barry Pitts, Business Development Director at Staffordshire Housing Association said, "We are delighted that work has started to provide this much-needed accommodation. This is a complex project and it has taken some time to get to this stage. We thank the residents and their relatives for their patience. We are confident that when the work has been done, the wait will have been worthwhile."

County Councillor Robbie Marshall, Cabinet Member for Public Health said: "This is a tremendously exciting project. For many of the residents it will be the first time they've had their own self-contained apartment, giving them independence but also the support as and when it is needed. It's a great opportunity for them to live more independently within the community. It's developments such as these that show the county council's commitment to letting people have freedom, choice and greater access to the services they need as and when they need them."

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Notes to Editors:

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