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Sussex Oakleaf is an Industrial & Provident Society with charitable status No.27984R



Sussex Oakleaf is a social enterprise that delivers services across Sussex to people who have mental health &/or substance misuse needs, young people & people at risk of homelessness. Created in 1993 in response to a local psychiatric hospital closure, the immediate need was to provide quality housing for patients moving into the community. Sussex Oakleaf first began providing services in 1995 and, since then, has developed the provision of a much wider range of community and housing related services.

The organisation empowers people and promotes independence by providing recovery-focused supported housing, community wellbeing services, social inclusion, independent living, residential care, care brokerage, peer support, personal assistants, learning and development, information, advice and guidance.

Sussex Oakleaf works in partnership with the people who use the services to provide personalised support.

With an overall turnover of nearly £4million, more than 2,000 people used Sussex Oakleaf's services last year; they employ over 190 people and develop & offer volunteer opportunities as well.

Sussex Oakleaf is governed by a Board made up of diversely skilled people from the local community who have an interest in making sure service users have the opportunities to support their recovery. Three members of the Board are service users and other members have mental health experience.

Sussex Oakleaf's main aims are to promote recovery and independence, tackling the discrimination and disadvantages that people often face. They do this through the following methods:-

- By providing a range of supported housing and related services
- Through lobbying and campaigning
- By advocating on behalf of their clients
- Enabling service users to be engaged in developing Sussex Oakleaf's services
- By promoting the employment of people with a history of mental illness and/or substance misuse
- Through challenging stigma and discrimination, promoting people and recovery in a positive way

