

PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURES FOR ASSESSMENT PLACEMENTS

1. The Admissions Committee has ultimate responsibility for all decisions regarding an individual's admission to, and discharge from, Slí Eile.
2. A full Assessment is made before anyone is offered an Assessment Placement in the Slí Eile service.
3. The referring agency provides copies of all available reports and assessments.
4. In the case of a service user whose home is not in South Tipperary, the referring agency is required to take responsibility for:
 - Transport to and from Slí Eile.
 - Accommodation at the weekends, and at other times if required.
 - Placement afterwards.
 - Any other additional costs incurred in relation to the placement.
5. The referring agency must give a written undertaking to accept the individual back when he/she leaves Slí Eile.
6. The service user must give full consent to the placement.
7. An Assessment Placement is normally of two weeks duration, but may be extended for a third week if further information is required and is likely to become available through such an extension of the placement.
8. Reports are drawn up at the end of the assessment period and circulated as appropriate.
9. There are detailed policies and procedures in relation to various aspects of a placement at Slí Eile.

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SLÍ EILE

Community Assessment and Transitional Living Unit



Rehabilitation Service
for Adults with
Acquired Brain Injury

INFORMATION ON ASSESSMENT PLACEMENTS

Slí Eile | 17 New Toberaheena | Clonmel | Co Tipperary

Slí Eile opened in 1999, and is managed by the Health Service Executive as an integral part of its Acquired Brain Injury Services in the South East. It is a house in the community that can accommodate three adults with Acquired Brain Injury. Slí Eile is staffed by a Manager, Social Care Leader and Social Care Workers, supported by a Neuropsychologist. (See separate booklet/leaflet for more information about Slí Eile).

All new residents of Slí Eile must undertake to an Assessment Placement. Some residents may go on to a longer Rehabilitation Placement, and/or to have one or more Review Placements at a later date. Some residents will only have an Assessment Placement.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Candidates for Slí Eile must be aged 16 or over and have a primary diagnosis of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI).

Suitable candidates are likely to demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Cognitive deficits, such as problems with memory, thinking, language and communication, attention, problem-solving, planning and/or organisation.
- Behaviour that is impulsive or inappropriate.
- Limited awareness of their difficulties.
- Problems adjusting to life after ABI.

Slí Eile may not be a suitable placement for individuals with severe alcohol, substance abuse or antisocial behavioural difficulties.

Referrals may be accepted from any source. The service is primarily for individuals resident in South Eastern Health Service Executive Local Health areas of South Tipperary, Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford. An assessment is made by Slí Eile Services and the service user has an opportunity to visit Slí Eile, before a place is offered.

THE PURPOSE OF AN ASSESSMENT PLACEMENT

At Slí Eile, a more detailed assessment can be undertaken than is possible in, for example, an out-patient clinic or a hospital setting. The assessment is planned in partnership with the individual and their family. Because of its community setting, the assessment is likely to be relevant to the individual's life in the community. Such a detailed community assessment may be required, for example, in the following situations:

- To assess the individual's suitability for a Rehabilitation Placement.
- For a person who has sustained a recent injury, to assess the individual's capacity to live in the community, and what supports would be required.
- For a person many years post-injury, to offer a full review with recommendations regarding services required.
- For review of Ward of Court status.

Residents in Slí Eile are assessed in a wide range of areas. Some assessments are carried out by Slí Eile's staff team, other assessments by visiting professionals.

ASSESSMENTS CARRIED OUT BY THE STAFF TEAM

The staff team carry out assessments of activities of daily living, in the house and in the town. Activities include:

- Self-care
- Cooking
- Laundry
- Domestic cleaning/maintaining own room
- Orientation in town
- Use of public transport
- Road safety
- Money management
- Time management
- Memory and use of memory strategies
- Social Skills

Risk assessments are conducted in all areas as appropriate.

ASSESSMENTS BY OTHER PROFESSIONALS

An individual on an Assessment Placement may also be seen by the following professionals:

- Physiotherapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Neuropsychologist

Each professional takes into account any reports by fellow-professionals who are familiar with the service user.

Where appropriate, referrals are also made to other professionals.