

Move on Case Study January 2018

Musa Mattan left St Martins (Wilton Villas) on the 29th of January 2018. After a 2 year stay, Musa now lives in his own flat in Kingsbury. He reflects on his positive time at Wilton Villas.



Generally my time at St Martins was very good. The staff gave me unbelievable support. They highlighted opportunities that could be available for me. I can see in myself how much I have changed from when I first arrived at St Martins and who I am today. This is down to excellent care from staff at Wilton Villas.

By trade I am a mechanic. This was something I started doing as a child. I went to college to do a refresher course for 10 weeks. I also decided to study English and IT. I feel I have many options, I want to continue to study and work part time.

My key worker Paulette treated me like her son. She used to tell me not to drink. I am no longer an alcoholic or drug user. The facilities at Wilton Villas are superb. They had some refurbishments done during my stay. The staff can also support you if you need help with cleaning or cooking. I am myself a very competent cook.

I will still stay involved with the St Martins co-production group and deliver more inspirational talks.

This is what Paulette, Musa's key worker at Wilton Villas had to say...

I was Musa's key worker for his whole stay. What can I say? Musa was a pleasure to work with. I feel so proud of his achievements. When he first came to us, he had substance misuse issues, which illustrates how much he has worked on himself.

Musa was enthusiastic about being a mechanic. I introduced Musa to Hackney college, there was a mental health worker there who supported Musa. Musa was committed to his studies, he used to wake up in the morning and attend college.

Musa was very proactive. He wanted to make something of himself and not waste his life. Musa comes from a very professional family, very educated. He felt he wanted them to be proud of him. Our vocational worker Dawn helped Musa to prepare his CV. He got a voluntary job in Hackney doing mechanics. He did that for two months before taking a break and then returning. Musa is a success story. I still keep contact with him to make sure he is okay!