Engage with Age Referral Criteria for Individuals

Engage with Age accepts referrals of individual older people by any individual/agency to the project using the referral form. An individual can be referred if they meet the following criteria:

- Aged 50 years +
- Limited family support.
- Limited statutory services in place (e.g. attends day centre full-time more than 3 days a week would not be considered isolated).

For people seeking to attend activity groups additional criteria:

- No personal care requirements.
- Reasonable mobility. Attendees must be able to get on & off a bus/in & out of a car with no assistance.
- Independent and able to travel to activities and participate without the need of additional support, or has independent support to attend activities.
- People with early dementia attending with their carers/ support.
- In relatively good health.

Unfortunately, some referrals may not be suitable and will be at the discretion of Engage with Age, for the following reasons:

1. Significant mental health issues.
2. Additional personal support required to attend a group where no support is present.
3. Person has on-going alcohol or substance abuse problem.
4. Concerns about the referral's physical and emotional safety.

If a referral is being made by a health professional/ social worker, Engage with Age must be provided with all information needed to assess the referral.

Following the referral, Engage with Age will assess if it can support the person being referred with the type of activities it provides. Engage with Age will offer opportunities for the individual to participate in activities based on this assessment.

Please note that Engage with Age offers one-to-one telephone befriending support but does not offer in person visits to individuals.

For further information please contact:
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