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Bail program shifts from residence to community

The John Howard Society of Manitoba will close its residence for men on bail on December 1, 2017, and as many clients as possible will be relocated to places within the community.

“We are continuing to supervise men on bail, we just won’t be housing them in our own building, we’ll be supervising them in the community,” said John Hutton, executive director.

For the past 5 years we’ve operated a secure, multi-bed residence in our building. This has given us expertise in working with men on bail. Due to a shortfall in funding, we need to shift our emphasis to working with men who have places to stay in their home communities.

Over the years we have learned that individuals who remain in the community while on bail tend to be more successful in their rehabilitation. This is because they stay connected to their families and are able to take advantage of positive social contacts and resources.

Bail supervision in the community includes weekly face-to-face check ins, daily curfew calls, random employment checks and caseworker supervision. We require our bail clients to participate in programs that deal with anger management, substance abuse, and positive parenting skills.

“Providing supervision and support for men on bail living in the community has always been something we do, but now it’s going to be the main emphasis of our bail program,” said John Hutton, executive director.

More information about the community bail program can be found on the website for John Howard Society of Manitoba, johnhoward.mb.ca.

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