



# Housing Options



Thinking about a New Home?



There are many ways to meet your housing needs



It's important to find the right one for you.



Think about what is important to you, what support you need, and what you want to achieve.



Then have a look at our leaflets and let us know what is best for you

You can ask for our Easy Read guide to tenancies





You can also look at our Care and Support pages



You can talk to your Social Worker for more advice



# Shared Supported Housing



This is where a group of people share a house.



Everyone has their own bedroom, and shares the kitchen, bathroom etc.



You get the company of the other people you live with



You can share some responsibilities, like cooking, or cleaning



You might get a few hours 'Housing Support' with your tenancy



This could include a mix of shared and one to one support.



Support could be anything from a few hours a week to 24 hours a day.



Rent is normally paid by housing benefit.



People are responsible for paying their own bills, buying food etc.



Have a tenancy agreement, so cannot 'be moved' unless you break it



You will only have some say about who you live with.



You have to share some decisions about who supports you



# Independent Flat with Shared Support



This is where people have their own flat.



They have their own bedroom,



sitting room / kitchen



and bathroom.



The flats are close together (usually in the same building)



This makes it easier for people to share support.



People can also live near their friends



People can have more independence



People can feel safer with staff around



# Residential Care Homes



This is where people share a house



The service pays for –



- Bills (like electricity, water and gas)



- Meals



- Laundry



If you are on benefits, you will keep a small 'personal allowance' and any mobility related benefits



Residential Services are inspected by the Care Quality Commission



Residential services can be larger, from about 6 people up to 60 or more



You get the company of the other people you live with



You have staff 24 Hour a day



You don't have a say about who you live with.



You don't have a say about who supports you



Activities trend to be arranged in groups and less personal



You wouldn't have a tenancy agreement – so may 'be moved



You could not access your personal budget



# Shared Lives



This is where people live with another family (they are not related to)



You will usually live in the same house as the family,



Sometimes you might have your own flat nearby.



Or the council can pay for it for you.



People get company from living in a family home



The families can help with any support you need



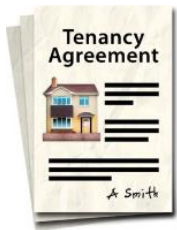
People do have to follow families' rules and way of life



# Council Flat



This is where a person rents a flat from the council.



They get a secure tenancy.



The council will look after repairs.



There are long waiting lists for a council flat.



Flats are only given to people with the highest needs



If you are offered a council flat, you will have very little choice.



Flats tend to be in large estates.



They could be one bedroom or more.



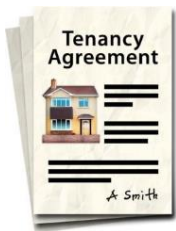
Rents are lower



# Rent from Housing Association



Housing Associations are 'Registered Social Landlords'.



They will give you a secure tenancy.



Rents are more affordable, especially if you are working



Housing association flats tend to be on smaller estates



You need to be on the council waiting list to be offered a Housing Association Flat.



There is a long waiting list



There is very limited choice



# Private Renting



This means renting from someone who owns a property.



They usually rent it out to make money.

They are called 'Private Landlords'.



You can apply for housing benefit to pay your rent



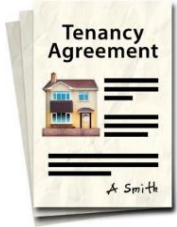
You can live alone, or share with friends



You can have more choice



There is less waiting



You will only have a 'Short hold' tenancy



You are limited to local housing allowance rate



# Shared Ownership



This is a special scheme run by some Housing Associations.



Housing associations are usually charities, and do not make a profit from rents.



The Housing Association buys a property and sells part of the property to a person with a learning disability.



The person pays rent on the other part



Wide choice - even choose exactly where you want to live



Long term security



Can get up to £200,000 mortgage interest via Income Support



May need to contribute towards cost (from £30.00 weekly)



If mortgage is paid mainly with benefits, problems if starting work



Very limited availability