

Working Together to Benefit our Community

# Housing Options for People with Learning Disabilities in North Somerset



This leaflet explains some of the housing and support options available to you, and where you can get advice.

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## With the right support and money you can choose where you want to live.



Your Social Worker will be able to provide advice about the support you will need to live as independently as possible including:

- ✓ The type of house you can live in
- ✓ The help and support you will need
- ✓ How much money it will cost
- ✓ Paying for everything that you need
- ✓ Setting up your home
- ✓ Friendships
- ✓ Cooking meals
- ✓ Personal Care
- ✓ Waking up and going to bed
- ✓ Safety



It is important that you talk to your friends and family about what you would like to do. If you would like someone else to talk to about where you live you could talk to your **Social Worker** or an **independent advocate**.

Remember that planning to move may take time. Careful planning will make sure that your move is the right move at the right time.

## You can choose the type of home you would like to live in

### Tenancy Agreement



### Living Alone

You could **rent** your home from:

- 🏠 Housing Association
- 🏠 Private Landlord
- 🏠 Someone you know



You could **own** your home

- 🏠 You could buy a house
- 🏠 Own part of your home through shared ownership
- 🏠 You may have a trust fund or inheritance to invest



You could **share with other people**

- 🏠 Supported Housing in a shared house with support
- 🏠 Flat share with friends or people you do not know with help from support workers



You could live with **another family**

- 🏠 **Shared Lives** gives people with a learning disability, a physical disability, mental health difficulties or other health or sensory disabilities the opportunity to live in a family home with ordinary people who will support you to be part of their home and community.



You could **live with your family**

- 🏠 If you are not ready to move you could stay with your family.
- 🏠 Your family might be able to convert part of their property so that you can live more independently.

## Paying for your home



£ You may be able to get some or all of your rent paid by the Government through **housing benefit**.

£ If you're a homeowner getting certain income related benefits you might be able to get help towards interest payments on

- o your mortgage
- o loans you've taken out for certain repairs
- o improvements to your home

This help is paid as part of your benefit and is called **Support for Mortgage Interest (SMI)**.

£ You could apply for **charity funding** to help with setting up your home.

£ You may be eligible for a **Disabled Facilities Grant** to pay for alterations to your home.

£ You may be eligible for money from North Somerset Council to pay towards your care and support. This money is called your **personal budget**. You can choose how you manage this money. The Council can keep your personal budget and buy care and support for you. You may be able to hold this money yourself and use it to buy your own care and support, this is called a **direct payment**.

For more information about personal budgets and direct payments please see:

<http://ld4u.org.uk/paying-for-my-care-and-support/>

**You can find more information about the ways you can pay for your home and links to other websites by looking at the easy-read website:**

<http://ld4u.org.uk/where-i-live/>

## Different types of accommodation

### Residential Accommodation



- 🏠 This is somewhere you can live – sometimes this is with other people but it can be for just you.
- 🏠 This is usually a bedroom that belongs to you but you share communal spaces with others.
- 🏠 Someone else owns the property and you do not rent or own the property.
- 🏠 The organisation who owns the property has to give you 28 days' notice if they no longer want you to live there.
- 🏠 Your food, accommodation, bills and support are included in one overall cost.

### Supported Housing



- 🏠 This is somewhere you can live – this will not be a permanent home but a short term tenancy.
- 🏠 You will be supported to move on to become more independent and find long term accommodation.
- 🏠 General support is available but this is somewhere for people who already have some skills to live by themselves.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Supported Living</b></p> <p>Supported Living is when accommodation and support are separate. The Provider of support does not own the property you live in.</p> <p>There are different types of Supported Living:</p>
	<p>🏠 <b>Single Person</b> – You live alone and have an individual tenancy. Support is provided to you in your home.</p> <p>🏠 <b>Shared Housing</b> – You live with others so you have your own bedroom but you share some areas like the lounge or kitchen. You might have an individual tenancy or a joint tenancy. Support is provided to you in your home.</p>
	<p>🏠 <b>Core and Cluster</b> – You live alone in a self-contained property. Other people live around you in other self-contained properties. You have an individual tenancy. A support team is based on site and you are supported in your property.</p>

<b>The differences between Joint Tenancy and Individual Tenancy</b>	
<b>Joint Tenancy</b>	<b>Individual Tenancy</b>
All tenants are equally responsible for all rooms	Tenancy is for bedroom and shared spaces
If one person leaves the tenancy expires	If one person leaves the other tenants are not affected
You can choose who you want to live with	Tenants are matched to suit each other but don't necessarily choose other tenants



**For more information about your housing options  
please look at our website [www.ld4u.org.uk](http://www.ld4u.org.uk)**



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