

# Housing Options for people with learning disabilities

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Help is also available for people who require council information in languages other than English.

For more information contact Tel: 01934 426 261  
Email: [housing.advice@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:housing.advice@n-somerset.gov.uk)

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There are many things you need to think about when deciding where you want to live, and if you want to live alone or with someone.

*What type of house?*

*Will you need help & support?*

*What will it cost?*



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

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

## Where do you want to live?

### Living Alone



You could rent your home from

- Housing Association
- A private landlord
- Some one you know

You could own your own home

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

## Sharing with other people



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

## Cluster Housing



- A network of flats or houses where you receive support, but have your own place to live. Like the keyring scheme, [www.keyring.org.uk](http://www.keyring.org.uk).
- You could live in sheltered accommodation or in a Extra Care scheme, dependant on your age

## Living with family



- Staying at home if you are not sure about moving
- Your family may be able to convert part of the property so you could live more independently
- Living with another family as a lodger or adult placement scheme

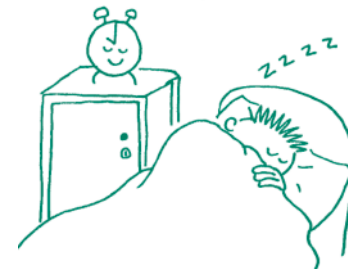
## What help & support will I need?

- Budgeting
- Setting up home
- Access social events



All of the above and other housing related support can be provided by a floating support service.

- Cooking meals
- Personal care
- Getting ready for bed



You may be able to get help with the above through North Somerset Councils Direct Payment Scheme or a personal budget.

This gives you control and choice of how your needs are met.

## How will I pay to live in my own home?



Most people need help to live independently, but what will it cost and who will pay for it.

- You may be able to get some or all of your rent paid by housing benefit
- Income Support can be used to pay for the interest only part on the mortgage
- You may be able to get help to pay for housing related support services, subject to a financial assessment through supporting people.
- North Somerset Council Direct Payment Scheme to pay for care or a personal budget if eligible.
- Independent Living Fund can be used to contribute towards your care if eligible.
- Community Care Grant or loan to pay for setting up a home
- Disabled Facilities Grant if eligible to pay for alterations to a property

## What to do next

It is important that you talk to your friends and family about what you want to do. If you feel you cannot do this then you may be able to get help from an Advocate.

## Useful contact details:

### North Somerset Council

Housing Advice Team  
Somerset House, Oxford Street  
Weston-super-Mare BS23 1TG  
Tel: 01934 426 261



### Community Team for People with Learning Disability

Partnership House, Worle Parkway  
Weston-super-Mare BS22 6WA  
Tel: 01934 427 600



### Further information can be found:

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk)  
[www.ld4u.org.uk](http://www.ld4u.org.uk)  
[www.housingoptions.org.uk](http://www.housingoptions.org.uk)