



Wyre Forest  
District Council



## Other useful numbers:

### **Warwickshire & West Mercia Community Rehabilitation Company.**

Tel: 01905 677100

Website: [www.westmerciaprobatation.org.uk](http://www.westmerciaprobatation.org.uk)

### **Nacro**

National Social justice charity who help with changing lives, building stronger communities and reducing crime.

Tel: 0300 123 1999

Website: [www.nacro.org.uk](http://www.nacro.org.uk)

### **The Prison Advice & Care Trust (PACT)**

Tel: 0808 808 34444

Website: [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)

### **St Giles Trust**

Runs a range of services designed to help ex-offenders.

Tel: 020 7708 8000

Website: [www.stgilestrust.org.uk](http://www.stgilestrust.org.uk)

### **Home Group (Stonham)**

Provider of the BASS project for those being released from custody on home detention curfew.

Tel: 0300 555 0264

Website: [www.homegroup.org.uk](http://www.homegroup.org.uk)



## For further information please contact:

Housing Needs Team  
Wyre Forest District Council  
The HUB  
Vicar Street  
Kidderminster

Tel: 01562 732928

Email: [housingservices@wyreforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:housingservices@wyreforestdc.gov.uk)

# Homeless and a prison leaver?

## Are you homeless or threatened with homelessness and a prison leaver?

## We can help you...



# Key Advice

## Get help now by:

- Contacting the Housing Needs Team if you think you might be homeless when you are released
- Speak to the Resettlement Officer in the prison.
- Register on Home Choice Plus ([www.homechoiceplus.org.uk](http://www.homechoiceplus.org.uk))

You may qualify for help with rehousing from WFDC if you are a prison leaver and are homeless or potentially homeless and are deemed vulnerable or have a priority need due to some other reason e.g. dependent children.

To help support your case you will need to bring supporting evidence with you. Including your release papers from the prison.

The earlier you contact the Housing Needs Team, the greater the chance of us helping you secure accommodation.

## If you are at immediate risk of homelessness?

If you don't have anywhere to stay then contact the Housing Needs Team. The Team may have a duty to help you find somewhere on an emergency basis and will assess your longer term housing and support needs. They may be able to help you with a crisis bed or emergency accommodation.

## If you need to move in the longer term?

If you are able to remain in your home but only for a short period of time (whilst you are waiting to be released) the Housing Needs Team will be able to explore other housing options with you including purchasing a property, renting in the private sector or applying for social or supported housing.

## If you have no/low income?

All prison leavers are given a discharge grant (around £40.00) paid for by the prison when they leave. This is money to help with your costs until your benefits are sorted out.

If you have found accommodation for your first night on release you can also apply for an extra grant of about £50.00 which will be paid directly to the accommodation provider, arrange an appointment with an advisor in your prison to help you.

You may also be able to apply for benefits such as Universal Credit and Job Centre Plus and the Hub team can help you with this.

The Housing Needs Team can help you with a Rent Bond to secure a property in the private rented sector, if this is an option for you.

## Homelessness help when on bail or Home Detention Curfew

If you are a low risk adult prisoner and eligible for release on bail or home detention curfew but don't have suitable accommodation to go to, you may be able to get help with supported accommodation through the bail accommodation and support scheme.

Find out more about the bail accommodation and support scheme through Home Group (Stonham) Tel 0300 555 0264.