

Housing Pathway – Learning Disability

People with a severe learning disability are likely to be assisted with housing and support by the County Council. However you may be approached by people with low level learning disabilities that are below the County Council threshold

Client referred by self / support agency

Housing team in relevant district to undertake initial triage to determine if homeless /threatened with homelessness and what support needs are – in conjunction with learning disability professionals/services (if relevant) – and a personal housing plan will be drawn up

Low / medium level needs

High level needs

Multi agency meeting to be undertaken between housing and learning disability professionals to identify support needs, how they can be met, barriers to housing, how they may be overcome, and most suitable housing options. Referrals may be made to Social Care, Vulnerable Adults Panels, Safeguarding, etc

Remaining in their Home

Alternative accommodation (options dependent upon availability and tenancy readiness)

In need of emergency accommodation

Benefits advice:
To be provided by local authority housing teams or DWP Job Coaches, either in house or through signposting to voluntary sector partners.

Learning Disability support:
Floating support may be available through Local Authority or County Council provision

Negotiation:
Negotiation with housing providers to be undertaken to address concerns about capabilities to sustain a tenancy with provision of support where available

Mediation and conciliation
Exploration with family if they are able to accommodate, with support provided either via signposting, or local in house teams, to enable the clients to remain temporarily before moving on to develop independent living skills

Supported Housing Options
Supported housing options to be used for those who are not tenancy ready and needing an opportunity to develop their independent living skills in a supported environment, before moving onto fully independent living via private rent or social rent. Supported accommodation may be available at the following;

- Compton Valley House, Kidderminster
- CHG Shared Houses
- Heenans Court, St Pauls and the YMCA at Worcester
- Hampton Mews (for higher support needs)

Social Rented Housing
Client can register on [Home Choice Plus](#) and/or [Redditch Home Choice](#). The enhanced housing options wizard on the HC+ website will give an indication of whether social housing is a relevant/realistic option. For medium / high need clients this will involve gaining a support plan from mental health services and local districts providing additional tenancy sustainment support where available.

Private Rented Housing
The private rented sector should be used as a quicker option to accessing housing. The LA’s will utilise private sector liaisons officer to assist with rent

Emergency / Temporary Accommodation

In instances where it is an emergency that a person should leave their home then temporary accommodation can be used when appropriate. Due to availability, sometimes this may be an out of area placement.

The Council also work with Compton Valley House to provide crisis rooms, with Maggs Day Centre, in the coldest days of the year, to meet the requirements of the Severe Winter Emergency Protocol and with the YMCA to meet No Second Night Out obligations.

Local Authority Housing Options Teams – housing advice and assistance

Wychavon District Council

www.wychavon.gov.uk

Malvern Hills District Council

www.malvern hills.gov.uk

Bromsgrove District Council

www.bromsgrove.gov.uk

Redditch Borough Council

www.redditchbc.gov.uk

Worcester City Council

www.worcester.gov.uk

Wyre Forest District Council

www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Local Support Services

Community Learning Disability Team

A joint health and social care team.

Telephone: 01905 768053

Website: www.hacw.nhs

Your Life Your Choice

A website with links to different services and advice

Website: www.ylyc.worcestershire.gov.uk

Mental Health services ;

Healthy Minds - **Wellbeing Hub on 01905 766124**

Website: www.hacw.nhs.uk/our-services/healthy-minds

National Support Services

HFT

A national charity providing support to people with learning disabilities

Website: www.hft.org.uk

Scope

A national charity providing support to people with learning disabilities

Telephone: 0800 800333

Website: www.scope.org.uk

Shelter is a national charity that provides specific advice on housing and homelessness.

Tel: 0808 800 444

Website: www.shelter.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau is an independent organisation offering free advice and assistance in many arrears including housing and homelessness.

Website: www.citizensadvice.org.uk