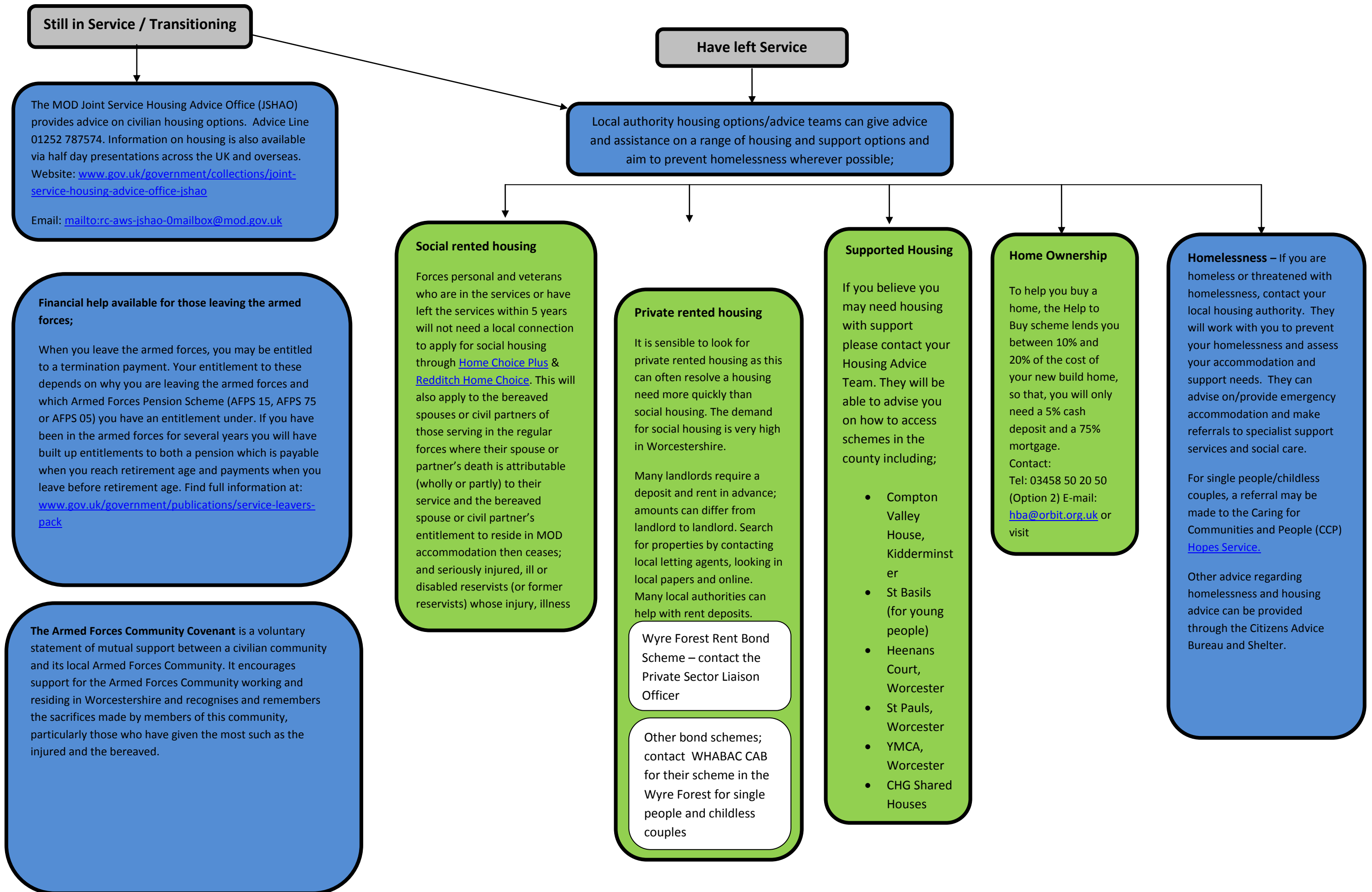


Housing Pathway

Former Members of the Regular Armed Services



Still in Service / Transitioning

The MOD Joint Service Housing Advice Office (JSHAO) provides advice on civilian housing options. Advice Line 01252 787574. Information on housing is also available via half day presentations across the UK and overseas. Website: www.gov.uk/government/collections/joint-service-housing-advice-office-jshao Email: <mailto:rc-aws-jshao-0mailbox@mod.gov.uk>

Financial help available for those leaving the armed forces;

When you leave the armed forces, you may be entitled to a termination payment. Your entitlement to these depends on why you are leaving the armed forces and which Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS 15, AFPS 75 or AFPS 05) you have an entitlement under. If you have been in the armed forces for several years you will have built up entitlements to both a pension which is payable when you reach retirement age and payments when you leave before retirement age. Find full information at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/service-leavers-pack

The Armed Forces Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. It encourages support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Worcestershire and recognises and remembers the sacrifices made by members of this community, particularly those who have given the most such as the injured and the bereaved.

Have left Service

Local authority housing options/advice teams can give advice and assistance on a range of housing and support options and aim to prevent homelessness wherever possible;

Social rented housing

Forces personal and veterans who are in the services or have left the services within 5 years will not need a local connection to apply for social housing through [Home Choice Plus](#) & [Redditch Home Choice](#). This will also apply to the bereaved spouses or civil partners of those serving in the regular forces where their spouse or partner's death is attributable (wholly or partly) to their service and the bereaved spouse or civil partner's entitlement to reside in MOD accommodation then ceases; and seriously injured, ill or disabled reservists (or former reservists) whose injury, illness

Private rented housing

It is sensible to look for private rented housing as this can often resolve a housing need more quickly than social housing. The demand for social housing is very high in Worcestershire.

Many landlords require a deposit and rent in advance; amounts can differ from landlord to landlord. Search for properties by contacting local letting agents, looking in local papers and online. Many local authorities can help with rent deposits.

Wyre Forest Rent Bond Scheme – contact the Private Sector Liaison Officer

Other bond schemes; contact WHABAC CAB for their scheme in the Wyre Forest for single people and childless couples

Supported Housing

If you believe you may need housing with support please contact your Housing Advice Team. They will be able to advise you on how to access schemes in the county including;

- Compton Valley House, Kidderminster
- St Basils (for young people)
- Heenans Court, Worcester
- St Pauls, Worcester
- YMCA, Worcester
- CHG Shared Houses

Home Ownership

To help you buy a home, the Help to Buy scheme lends you between 10% and 20% of the cost of your new build home, so that, you will only need a 5% cash deposit and a 75% mortgage.

Contact:
Tel: 03458 50 20 50 (Option 2) E-mail: hba@orbit.org.uk or visit

Homelessness – If you are homeless or threatened with homelessness, contact your local housing authority. They will work with you to prevent your homelessness and assess your accommodation and support needs. They can advise on/provide emergency accommodation and make referrals to specialist support services and social care.

For single people/childless couples, a referral may be made to the Caring for Communities and People (CCP) [Hopes Service](#).

Other advice regarding homelessness and housing advice can be provided through the Citizens Advice Bureau and Shelter.

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 & National Support Services

SSAFA offers advice and assistance for all veterans and their spouses covering a range of needs such as disabled ex-service personal, separated families or homelessness.

Tel: 0800 731 4880

Website: www.ssafa.org.uk/worcestershire

The Royal British Legion offers support and practical assistance to all ex-serviceman or woman with financially support and assistance, to live independently, recovery, homelessness or living in temporary accommodation.

Tel: 0808 802 8080

Website: www.britishlegion.org.uk

Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI) offers a range of accommodation, welfare support and convalescent care to those with a connection to the Armed Forces Community with a disability or health condition.

Tel: 01622 795900

Website: www.rbli.co.uk

Shelter is a national charity that provides specific advice for ex-forces on housing and homelessness.

Tel: 0808 800 444

Website: www.shelter.org.uk

Veteran's Aid helps with homelessness among the ex-military community. The aim is to address homelessness, its consequences and to prevent homelessness recurring.

Tel: 0800 012 6867

Website: www.veterans-aid.net

Help for Heroes supports Serving and Reservist Personnel and Veterans who have suffered injuries or illness as a result of their service to the Nation. The Charity also helps their close family and dependents.

Website: www.helpforheroes.org.uk

Stoll Foundation provides housing and support to disabled former members of the armed forces including support to those with poor mental health, alcohol problems and homelessness.

Tel: 0800 389 7970

Website: www.stoll.org.uk

Haig Housing is a housing association that provides rented accommodation for those that have served in the forces.

Tel: 0208 685 5777

Website: www.haighousing.org.uk

LA responsible for keeping pathway up to date:

Wychavon District Council

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