

Supported Housing

What is supported housing?

Moving into your own home can be a daunting experience. There are lots of things that need to be sorted out and you will also need to be able to manage your own tenancy once you have moved. As well as having rights, tenants have responsibilities and it is important that you understand these so that you can ensure any accommodation is sustained. Supported housing helps people prepare for living independently by equipping them with the necessary skills.

There are a number of different schemes across Wiltshire providing support to different groups of people. Housing Options will be able to advise you which schemes might be right for you.

Why choose supported housing?

The support you receive will depend on what you need. Your Support Worker will work with you to develop a support plan that meets your needs.

Here are just a few things that supported housing could help you with:

- Building up your confidence to help you deal with things better
- Managing your money
- Sorting out issues with debt
- Sorting out health issues
- Dealing with drug or alcohol related issues
- Finding a home to move on to from the supported housing
- Managing a tenancy and knowing your rights
- Training and education
- Obtaining a job
- Social issues
- Managing relationships with family, friends and the wider community
- Life skills such as cooking, budgeting and housework

What would you have to do?

You would need to agree to participate in a programme of support. This would include meeting with your Support Worker at least once a week to ensure you are working towards achieving your

goals. You may also be expected to attend appointments or training with other agencies as part of the programme.

Demand for supported housing is very high. It is therefore important that places are allocated to those applicants who would most benefit from the support and who show a willingness to commit to working towards achieving the outcomes agreed with your support worker.

If you stop participating in the programme and it is no longer felt that you are benefiting from the support you may be asked to leave. This is to enable your place to be allocated to someone else on the waiting list.

Further information

Further information on the supported housing schemes in Wiltshire is available from the Housing Options Team at Wiltshire Council who will need to interview you to explore your situation, whether supported housing is right for you and identify which schemes may best meet your individual needs.

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