

Information for young people



Housing

This leaflet will tell you about **where you can live?**



The aim of this leaflet is to help you think about where you can live. You need to think about what is available and how much it will cost.



What sorts of housing are there?

- Living with relatives or carers
- Individual flats
- Supported living
- Residential care homes
- Family placements

Living with Relatives or Carers

- Most young people with learning disabilities in Hertfordshire live with relatives or carers
- Young people might choose to live at home or they may live at home because they cannot find the right sort of housing
- You may get help from your family or carers or other people might come to help you at home



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Individual flats

- There are individual flats in most parts of Hertfordshire
- You would have a bedroom, bathroom, living room and kitchen
- You would have your own front door and your friends and family would be able to visit you
- There are different types of flats. Some have on-site support others have visiting support

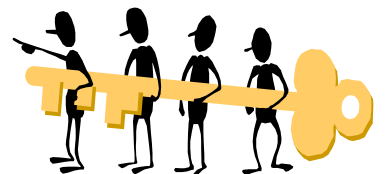


Supported Living

- Your own tenancy in an individual or shared flat or house
- Staff around when you need them, to give you the support you want/need
- Your own bedroom and either shared or individual kitchen, lounge and bathroom
- You will pay your own bills and buy your own food – with help if needed
- Your family and friends would be able to visit you

Residential care home

- There are residential care homes in most parts of Hertfordshire
- Most residential care homes are for between 3 and 8 people
- Most residential care homes have staff around all the time, even at night
- You would have your own bedroom but share other rooms
- Your family and friends would be able to visit you



What is Family Placement?

- Some families let people live with them
- You would live as part of a family in a family house
- You would have your own bedroom
- The family would help you if you need it, but you might also have other people to help you

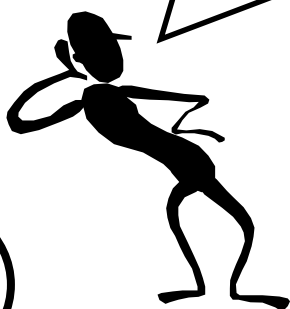
The Next Steps



- Talk about what you want and what may be available with your Social Worker
- Put your name on the housing register
- Think about the different types of housing
- Your Social Worker will see how much help you need
- Look at your choice of housing
- Talk about the different ways of getting support. ACS can provide the support you need, or give you the money through direct payment or individualised budgets so you can buy the support you need



How do I pay for housing?



There are different ways to pay for housing:

- Using your pay from work
- Claiming Housing Benefit



If you have a Social Worker they can tell you more about how to pay for housing.



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If you are under 18 please call
Children, Schools and Families
Customer Service Centre:

01438 471500 or 01923 471500

Adult Care Services:

If you are 18 or over with a learning disability, contact your local
Community Learning Disability Team on:

Broxbourne and East Herts	- 01438 843111
Dacorum	- 01442 454444
Hertsmere	- 01442 454242
North Herts and Stevenage	- 01438 843222
St Albans	- 01442 454300
Watford and Three Rivers	- 01442 454343
Welwyn and Hatfield	- 01438 843600

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