

# Housing Options

Information for people with  
a learning disability



**North  
Lincolnshire  
Council**

[www.northlincs.gov.uk](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk)

# Background



This booklet can help you think about housing.



Some people with a learning disability choose to live with their family.



Some people want to look for their own home.



Your family can help you plan for the future.



Other people like your social worker or key worker can also help you plan.



The Government says that people with learning disabilities should have more choice and control where and how they live (Valuing People 2001)

# Support



Most people can live in their own home with support.



Your social worker will help you work out what support you will need.



You might need help with things like cooking, money or medication.

# Assistive technology



There are aids that can help you live independently.



Alarms to get help in an emergency.



Sensors that detect if there is a problem in your home, like a fire or flood.

# Questions

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When you are thinking about housing, you might have lots of questions.



Where do you want to live?



Do you want to be near friends and family?



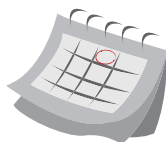
Do you want to live in a house or a flat or a bungalow?



Do you need special equipment or adaptations.



Do you want to live on your own or with other people?



When do you want to move?

# Questions



How much money do you have and what can you afford?

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What support will you need?



Where will this support come from and how will it be paid for?

# Housing options - renting



**Social landlords** - You can rent a home from a Housing Association. The largest in our area is Ongo Homes.



Most of these homes are advertised on-line.

You need to register at [www.homechoicelincs.org.uk](http://www.homechoicelincs.org.uk)



You can look at adverts for empty homes and say which ones you would like to live in.



You can get help to use Home Choice Lincs from Local Links, Libraries and from Ongo Homes.



You may have to wait to get social housing. Other people may want the same sort of home as you.



**Private landlords** - You can rent a home from a private company or person, or from a member of your family.



These homes are advertised through letting agents, in local newspapers and on websites.



You might not have to wait as long for this sort of home, but the rent might be higher.



**Paying for rent** - When you move into a rented home, you will need to pay rent to the landlord.



Housing benefit might help pay your rent. Ask how much help you can get before you agree to rent a new home.

# Home ownership



You might be able to buy your own home.



Homes for sale are advertised through estate agents, in local newspapers and on websites.



Some housing associations have homes for sale under shared ownership.



You buy a share of the house.



The housing association owns the rest and rents it to you.



## Other options



**Supported lodgings** - Some people choose to live with another person who also supports them.



**Nursing homes and independent care homes** Some people choose to live in a nursing home or care home.

# Helpful information



Planning for the future can be confusing but also exciting.



You might have lots of questions.



You can ask your social worker or key worker for help.



You can ask your family or friends.



You can talk about it at your review.



You can get more information and advice from H&SA (Housing and Support Alliance) 0300 2010 455.

