



Fact Sheet

Special housing

What help can you give me if I want to stay in my own home?

You might not want to move but may need some assistance with living in your home more easily. To help you with this, we may be able to offer the following:

Adaptations

Adaptations are changes to Council properties to maximise a tenant's independence and quality of life.

Examples of adaptations that may help you live more comfortably in your home include grabrails, door ramps, fitting shower, lowering work tops and widening of doors.

Assistance from Social Services

Social Services may be able to offer you support in your home by:

- arranging for someone to assist you with basic domestic or personal tasks
- giving you advice and information
- providing and fitting specialist equipment for you to use in your home

I want to move to alternative housing specifically provided for older people, what are my options?

Sheltered Housing Schemes

Sheltered housing can offer you a range of services to help you live independently with the added security of having someone to call on in emergencies.

Sheltered accommodation is different from other housing. Each scheme usually has common laundry facilities and a common sitting area and is linked to our central control service. We have a number of sheltered housing schemes across the borough and we can also nominate people for schemes that are run by local Housing Associations.

Accommodation for older people

Many of our bungalows and some of the flats we have are offered to older people. These are often age designated and in most circumstances you will need to be 60 years of age or have a disability to apply.

Disabled persons accommodation

We have specialist homes for disabled people, to be considered for such accommodation you will have to be assessed on your housing needs and if successful, you will be placed on the accessible housing register.

Also certain local housing associations have accommodation that has been designated for certain types of disability and we can nominate people for these.

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