



Wyre Forest
District Council



Other useful numbers:

Community Learning Disability Team

A joint social care and health team for people with Learning Disabilities

Tel: 01905 572572

Website: www.hacw.nhs.uk

Scope

A national charity for people with learning disabilities

Tel: 0800 800 3333

Website: www.scope.org.uk

Mental Health Services

Health Minds

Tel: 0300 302 13 13

Website: www.hacw.nhs.uk/about-healthy-minds/



For further information please contact:

Housing Advice Team
Wyre Forest District Council
The Hub
Green Street
Kidderminster
DY10 1HA

Tel: 01562 732928

Out of Hours: 01562 850053

Email: housingadviceteam@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Homeless and have a Learning Disability?

Are you homeless or threatened with homelessness and have a learning disability?

We can help you...



Key Advice

Get help now by:

- Contacting the Housing Needs Team if you think you might be homeless or potentially homeless
- Register on Home Choice Plus (www.homechoiceplus.org.uk)
- Contact the County Council Adult Social Care or your Support Service

If you have a learning Disability we will work with partners to assess your accommodation and support needs and work with you to identify appropriate accommodation and support options.

To help support your case you will need to bring supporting evidence with you. including evidence of any medical or support needs you might have and any current support you might be receiving from another organisation

The earlier you contact the Housing Needs Team, the greater the chance of helping you secure accommodation.

If you are at immediate risk of homelessness?

If you don't have anywhere to stay then contact the Housing Needs Team. The team may have a duty to help you find somewhere on an emergency basis and will assess your longer term housing and support needs. They may be able to help you with a crisis bed or emergency accommodation.

If you need to move in the longer term?

If you are able to remain in your home but only for a short period of time the Housing Needs Team will be able to explore other housing options with you including purchasing a property, renting in the private sector or applying for social or supported housing.

If you need help to remain living in your current home?

The Housing Needs Team can work with you and other agencies to review any support you are getting or help you identify support that will enable you to remain living in your current home. For young people (under 25) living with families we may be able to refer you to a mediation service.

If you have no / low income?

You may also be able to apply for benefit's such as Universal Credit, Personal Independence Allowance etc and the Job Centre Plus and the Hub team can help you with this.

The Housing Needs Team can help you with a Rent Bond to secure a property in the private rented sector, if this is an option for you.

Self-help / Self-advocacy

Speakeasy NOW and the People's Parliament

Speakeasy NOW is a self-advocacy charity run by people with learning disabilities.

www.speakeasynow.org.uk

They also run the People's Parliament in Worcestershire which facilitates debates around key issues.

Your Life Your Choice

Worcestershire County Council have a self-help website

www.ylyc.worcestershire.gov.uk

with links to different services and advice for the general public including those with a Learning Disability.