

# Easy Read accommodation options in Kirklees for people with learning disabilities



Most adults with learning disabilities live with their families, but at some point in your life you may want leave your family home and get a home of your own.



We want you to know about the different choices you have about where you live, who you live with and what support you can get.



This information is to help you understand the different places you can live.



Talk to people such as your family, your friends and your social worker about what you think will be best for you.

# Accommodation choices



## Care home

A care home provides a home and support for people with a learning disability who need lots of support in their lives. Care homes have staff to support people up to 24 hours a day. You will have your own bedroom, all other facilities (like lounge and bathroom) in the home are shared with the other residents.



## Shared lives

The shared lives scheme offers the chance to live with another family, a couple or a single person, in their home. You will have your own bedroom and share the other rooms in the house.



## Supported living

Supported living means you are supported to live in your own home and your housing and care and support is built around you. There are different types of supported living options, like....



## – renting a council house

Renting from the council can be a good option because rents are cheap and you can usually stay in your home as long as you need to. The council also makes sure the properties are looked after and in a good state of repair.

# Supported living



## – renting from a housing association

Housing associations usually offer a good standard of places to live long term with cheaper rents. Renting from a housing association is a way many people with learning disabilities in Kirklees get their own low-cost place to live.



## – renting from a private landlord

Many people with a learning disability choose to rent a home from a private landlord because this can be a quick and easy way to find the right place especially in popular areas. But it is up to the landlord (not you) how long you can stay.



## – extra care housing

In extra care housing you have your own home and support is available 24 hours per day. There are communal facilities such as a lounge, restaurant, activity rooms, therapy rooms, hairdressing salon and landscaped gardens. To apply you must be over 50 years of age and have a housing and a care need.



## – specialist accommodation

Specialist accommodation based supported living means your accommodation will be provided along with care staff, up to 24 hours per day and sometimes has communal facilities. This type of accommodation is provided for learning disabled people with complex needs.

# Other options and support



## – Buying your house with someone else (shared ownership) or buying your house on your own

More people with a learning disability now buy their own homes. You may have money saved up for this or you could borrow money from a bank or building society as a mortgage.



## – family investment in housing

If your family have enough money, they might decide to set up a trust to buy a home for you. They could buy a home and rent it out to you. Or a group of families could put money together to buy a house to rent out to their relatives with disabilities.



If you have any questions or would like further information please contact your social worker or Gateway to care

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