

Supported housing 16-25 year olds

If you are between 16 and 25 years old you may be eligible for supported Housing.

The Bubble - Worcestershire Young Persons Initiative Scheme 01905 423197

People under 19 can also access help from Connexions. They are a support service to make sure that people who are between 13-19 years of age get information, advice and practical help with a range of issues to help them prepare for adult life. This also includes Housing Advice.

Connexions, Evesham 01386 444220

Connexions, Droitwich 01905 796700

Connexions, Pershore 01386 565000

SHINE Floating Support (16-25 year olds)

Evesham 01386 420800

Shine is Rooftop Housing Groups floating support service to young single people, aged between 16-25 years old in the Wychavon area. Staff provide service users with the advice and support they need, giving them the confidence and know-how to take control of their lives.

Useful numbers

Relationship problems

Relate 01905 28051

Drug related problems

Turning Point 01905 724853

Pressure Point 0800 6529664

Community Drug Team 01905 681460

Alcohol related problems

Alcoholics Anonymous 08457 697555

Hereford & Worcester

Advisory Service 01905 27417

Violence against women

Womens Aid 0117 9444411

Help Line 0808 2000 247

Bromford Floating Support Service

Helpline for people feeling lonely, isolated, bored, don't know where or how to meet others and need some support.

01527 62550

Other Useful Numbers

Shelter Helpline 0808 800 4444

Rethink 01386 49110

How to contact us

Wychavon District Council Housing Needs Department

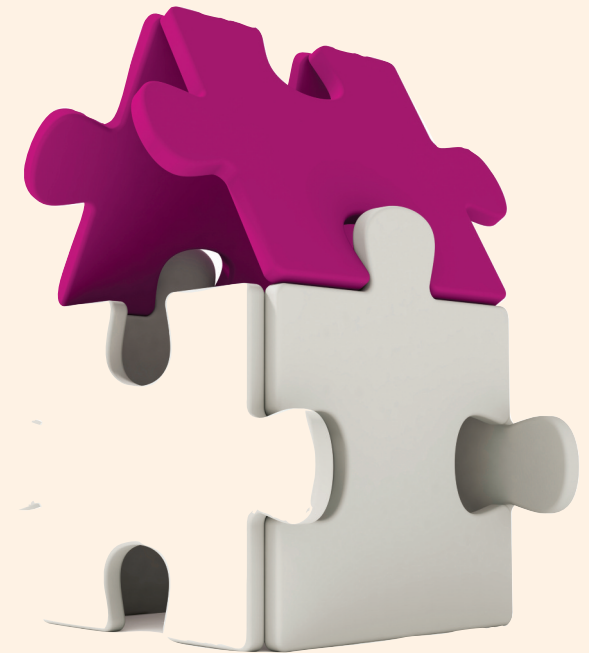
01386 565020

housingneeds@wychavon.gov.uk

www.wychavon.gov.uk

Homelessness and Single People

4. a practical guide to
housing for single people



Where can I go for help?

If you find that you are suddenly homeless, please contact Housing Needs Department at Wychavon District Council.

We can offer advice and assistance on how best to deal with your present situation.

To meet the requirements under Homelessness Legislation you will need to be homeless, eligible and in 'priority need'.

Priority need is considered in the following ways:

- Households with dependent children,
- Pregnant Women,
- 16 & 17 year olds,
- People who are vulnerable because they are suffering violence,
- People who are vulnerable because of mental/physical illness or disability,
- 18-21 year olds leaving foster care when Social Services were responsible for them until their 18th birthday.

What practical help can you give me?

- We can discuss your Housing Options with you.
- We can help you arrange Benefits.
- We can refer you to Furniture Projects.
- There are alternative Housing Options that you can use to help yourself.
- Let family/friends/work colleagues know that you are looking for accommodation.
- Look in your Local Newspaper/Shop Notice Board/Letting Agents.
- If you are a Student contact the college or Student Union for help with accommodation.

What if I am not in priority need?

If you are a single person, homeless and not in priority need, we will offer you:

- Hostel Numbers

Birmingham City Mission 0121 6436182

St Pauls Worcester 01905 723729

YMCA Worcester 01905 423197

Foyer (16-25 year olds) 01905 423197

If you wish you may contact these numbers daily to see if they have vacancies.

- We can offer advice on how to apply to the Housing Waiting List.
- People over the age of 18 can hold a tenancy in their own right.
- 16 and 17 year olds will need a guarantor to enable them to hold a tenancy with a Housing Association.

Housing and welfare benefits

If you find a private let, we encourage you to seek budgeting and benefits advice before you sign up for the tenancy.

If you are under 25 and need to claim Housing Benefit, there may be a restriction applied to the level of help you will get. This is called Single Room Rent. It is set to encourage younger people to share homes. Some Landlords rent out individual bedrooms with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities.

The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) hold surgeries in:

Evesham 01386 443737

Pershore 01386 561561

Droitwich 01905 795225

Contact Wychavon District Council on 01386 565000