

# ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS CHART

Use this chart to help you work out what type of accommodation is best for you:



|                             | HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?  | HOW DO I GET A PLACE?   | WHAT RIGHTS WILL I HAVE?  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>RENTING PRIVATELY</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually much more expensive than council places</li> <li>Bills and council tax usually paid separately</li> <li>Deposit and rent in advance needed</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually lots of places to choose from available through letting agencies, websites, local papers and shop windows</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most tenancies last for six or 12 months</li> <li>Landlord doesn't usually need a reason to evict, but must follow procedures</li> <li>Sharing with the landlord gives fewer rights</li> </ul> |
| <b>COUNCIL HOUSING</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually the cheapest way to rent</li> <li>Bills and council tax paid separately</li> <li>No deposit needed</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very few places available</li> <li>Usually a long waiting list</li> <li>Some people not eligible</li> <li>Get an application form from the council</li> </ul>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most tenancies have no end date</li> <li>Introductory / demoted tenants easy to evict</li> <li>Secure tenants have much stronger rights</li> </ul>   |
| <b>HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually cheaper than renting privately but more expensive than council housing</li> <li>Bills and council tax usually paid separately</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few places available</li> <li>Most properties go to people on council's waiting list</li> <li>Direct applications sometimes accepted</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most tenancies have no end date</li> <li>Different tenancy types give different rights</li> <li>If support provided, tenants easy to evict</li> </ul>  |
| <b>HOME OWNERSHIP</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The most expensive option, but prices vary</li> <li>Regular income required to get a mortgage</li> <li>Lots of extra costs</li> <li>Owners pay for all repairs</li> <li>May be ground rent and service charge</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lots of choice in most areas</li> <li>Most places sold through estate agents</li> <li>Check local papers and property websites</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most flats are leasehold and most houses are freehold – this affects rights</li> <li>Eviction less likely but still possible if you don't keep up your mortgage repayments</li> </ul>          |
| <b>SUPPORTED HOUSING</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually more expensive than other rented housing, but help sometimes available</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many schemes specialise in areas such as drug or alcohol dependency</li> <li>There's often a waiting list</li> <li>Often an interview to get in</li> <li>Helps if an adviser refers you</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most tenancies end when extra support is no longer needed</li> <li>Rights vary, but are usually quite limited</li> </ul>   |
| <b>FOYERS</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expensive, but financial help is often available</li> <li>Services, bills and meals often extra</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normally a waiting list</li> <li>Helps if an adviser refers you</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training and careers help is condition of tenancy</li> <li>Can be evicted if you cause problems</li> </ul>   |

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