



Under 35 and Homeless?

Leaving home is difficult for many reasons especially for people under the age of 35 who are on low incomes or benefits.

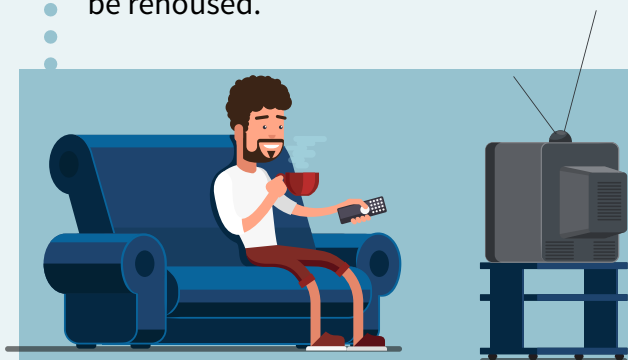
Not all of you can stay at home or need to move due to overcrowding and pressure from parents, family and friends so finding out what your options are before you leave is very important.

Despite what you may hear, making a homeless application does NOT guarantee that you will be offered accommodation. The law states that we must give you help and advice to find a place to live. This does not mean that you will automatically be rehoused.



Things to remember

Unless you are in danger you are advised to remain where you are until you can plan your move with help and support. If you have family problems, think carefully before you leave as it may be beneficial to resolve any issues if you can. By doing this you can plan your move and leave at a time that suits you. Mediation may be available to help in these situations.



Housing Options at Broxtowe Borough Council

You can contact the Housing Options Team on 0115 917 7777 or call into the Council Offices to book an appointment. Alternatively email hpls@broxtowe.gov.uk or write to Broxtowe Borough Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1AB.





What type of accommodation should I be looking for?

The Housing Options Team can help you explore your different housing options.

Private Rented Accommodation

This is the most likely way to find accommodation quickly. You may require a guarantor who will need sign your tenancy agreement and be legally bound to pay any rent arrears or cost of damages caused during your tenancy.

House/Flat shares - This is where you have your own bedroom and a shared kitchen, bathroom and lounge. Search on websites, in local newspapers or shop windows. We may be able to provide details of local landlords. You are required to provide your own deposit (approximately £300) and possibly a month's rent in advance.

Supported Accommodation

Supported accommodation is used to support young people, care leave leavers ex- offenders, those with mental health issues and those who have drug and alcohol problems. When ready to move on from supported accommodation you will receive priority on the housing register. You will need to be referred by the Council and in all cases the referral process will include an interview to ensure that you are suitable for the level of support available.

Social Housing/Housing Association

If you have not already joined the Housing Register you can apply on line at www.home-search.org.uk. Social housing has become increasingly difficult to access due to high demand and a shortage of properties. Even if you are awarded a high priority you may be waiting several months so it is very important to be flexible when considering areas that you will live in.

Getting help with rent

You may be entitled to Housing Benefit if you have to leave your accommodation. Local Housing Allowance looks at how much assistance an applicant on low incomes requires with rent. The single room rate for under 35's is £69.00 per week. You are advised to keep your rent below this or you will incur a monthly shortfall.

Useful numbers/ email address

Broxtowe Borough Council

0115 917 7777

email housing@broxtowe.gov.uk

website www.broxtowe.gov.uk

Citizens Advice

0300 3305457

Benefits calculator

www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators

Shelter

www.shelter.org.uk