



Housing

There are a number of housing associations that provide adapted housing suitable for disabled people. If you are considering moving into suitable accommodation, it is often best to first contact your local Social Services as well as your local Citizens Advice Bureau. You could also consider contacting the National Disability Housing Network and any of the housing associations listed.

There are some adapted homes that are sold privately throughout the U.K. and the rest of the world that are sold privately. The final section of this factsheet lists some of the websites that advertise adapted homes.

Housing Associations

Ability Housing Association: Promotes independent living for people with physical or learning disabilities, and people recovering from a mental illness. Provides accessible housing to disabled people and support services in several areas of the UK.

Tel: **01784 490910**, Website: www.ability-housing.co.uk

Advance Housing and Support Ltd: Provides housing and support services to meet the needs of people who have either a learning disability or a mental health problem.

Tel: **01993 772885**,

E-mail: info@advanceuk.org, Website: www.advanceuk.org

The Anchor Trust: Provides a range of housing, support and care services for older people throughout England.

Tel: **01274 381600**, Website: www.anchor.org.uk

Apna Ghar Housing Association: Provides independent living and housing support for Asian people with disabilities. London Boroughs.

Tel: **020 8795 5405**, E-mail: info@agha.org.uk Website: www.agha.org.uk

The Carr Gomm Society: Provides services designed to meet the need of individuals and local authorities, including supported housing for people with disabilities and special needs and self-contained accommodation with communal facilities in England.

Tel: **020 7397 5300**, E-mail: info@carr-gomm.org.uk
Website: www.carrgomm.org.uk

Downland Affinity Group Ltd: Provides sheltered accommodation for the elderly and wheelchair users ranging from flats to bed sits. Regional groups in Sussex, Hampshire, Dorset, Surrey, Berkshire, Kent, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire.

Tel: **020 8313 0660**, E-mail: info@affinityhg.com
Website: www.affinityhg.com

English Churches Housing Group: Provides a full range of housing solutions for all sections of the community including sheltered accommodation for elderly people, accommodation with additional care and support, some accommodation specially designed for people with disabilities, and life-time homes adaptable for changing usage.

Tel: **0845 070 7071**, Website: www.echhg.org.uk

Family Mosaic: Houses to let, for special needs/disabled people and their families in London.

Tel: **020 7089 1000**,
E-mail: enquiries@familymosaic.co.uk
Website: www.familymosaic.co.uk

The Guinness Trust: Provides rented homes, shared ownership and hostels. Houses may be adapted for people with disabilities. Some purpose built stock includes properties for disabled people.

Tel: **01494 535823**, E-mail: info@guinness.org.uk
Website: www.guinnesstrust.org.uk

Habinteg Housing Association: Builds accessible homes to rent for disabled and non disabled people (25% is wheelchair user standard). This philosophy enables disabled people and their families to live independently in the community in ordinary housing.

Tel: **020 7822 8700**, E-mail: info@habinteg.org.uk
Website: www.habinteg.org.uk

Hanover Housing Association: Manages about 17,000 retirement properties (rented and leasehold) throughout England.

Tel: **01784 446000**, Website: www.hanover.org.uk

Housing Authority

If the home you have at the moment is not accessible you can put your name down on the Housing List.

The lists are now sorted depending on your need rather than when you put your name down. The greater your need for a home the higher up the list you are.

If you become homeless due to your disability then the housing authority has a duty to house you as soon as possible.

They often use many of the housing associations listed on this factsheet to find suitable housing for people.

If you are homeless and are having problems with your local authority you can contact Shelter on 0808 800 4444 www.shelter.org.uk

Home Group Ltd: Builds all its new homes to enable disabled people in wheelchairs to visit wherever possible and has a continuous programme of adaptations for people with disabilities.

Tel: **0191 285 0311**, Website: www.homegroup.org.uk

Metropolitan Housing Trust: Social housing, residential care, supported housing in many of the London boroughs.

Tel: **020 8920 7777**, Website: www.mho.co.uk

Housing 21: Provides sheltered accommodation and home care services for people over 60 all over England, some of which are suitable for people with learning disabilities, mentally ill people and the frail elderly.

Tel: **01494 685200**, Website: www.housing21.co.uk

Hyde Housing Association: Develops and manages supported housing throughout S.E. England including housing for people with disabilities.

Tel: **020 8297 1500**, Website: www.hyde-housing.co.uk

James Butcher Housing Association: Providing rented/retirement leasehold and shared ownership housing schemes in the south of England. Some accommodation is suitable for disabled people, (subject to waiting list).

Tel: **0118 931 7200**, Website: www.jbha.co.uk

Jephson Housing Association Group: Provides managed homes for people on low incomes, who are inadequately housed, or who have special needs.

Tel: **01926 339311**, E-mail: info@jephson.org.uk Website: www.jephson.org.uk

John Grooms: Helps disabled people to achieve the highest possible degree of independence through providing residential homes, care, employment training and holiday/leisure facilities.

Tel: **020 7452 2000**, Website: www.johngrooms.org.uk

KeyRing networks: Enables adults with learning disabilities to live independently in their own tenancies. The networks each support 9 people who live within walking distance of their community-living worker and from each other.

Tel: **020 7749 9411**, Website: www.keyring.org

New Era Housing Assoc Ltd: Specialises in accommodation for people with learning disabilities, covering most of England,

Tel: **0114 241 2100**

Papworth Trust: Provides accessible properties for disabled people in Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Herts, Northants, Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk.

Tel: **01480 830341**,

E-mail: info@papworth.org.uk, Website: www.papworth.org.uk

Servite Houses: Provides wheelchair accessible homes built to mobility standards. Provide specialist residential/nursing care for people with physical disabilities, people with learning disabilities, and the elderly.

Tel: **020 8307 3300**. Textphone: **020 8307 7905**

Website: www.servitehouses.org.uk

Shaftesbury Housing Group: National housing association which owns fully sheltered accommodation, residential care homes, special needs schemes, single homeless schemes and general family needs housing.

Tel: **01372 727252**,

E-mail: info@shaftesburyhousing.org.uk

Website: www.shaftesburyhousing.org.uk

St Pancras & Humanist Housing Association: Provides sheltered housing and residential care homes for people over 60 (or 50 if disabled) Housing is available in London, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent & Surrey.

Tel: **020 7209 9208**, Website: www.sph.org.uk

The Place For People Group: Manages flats, houses and bungalows for families, single and elderly people as well as specially designed housing schemes for people with special needs.

Tel: **01772 897200**

Website: www.placesforpeople.co.uk

Thistle Foundation: Provides accommodation and support for physically disabled adults in Edinburgh which accommodates one physically disabled adult together with their family or carer. There is a 24hr emergency service, a resource and computer centre and a wide range of health facilities.

Tel: **0131 661 3366**,

Website: www.thistle-foundation.org.uk

Warden Housing Association Ltd: Provides housing for older people (including residential care homes) with some fully wheelchair accessible accommodation.

Things to Consider About Housing Associations.

Due to the shortage of accessible housing for disabled people there is often a long waiting list. This means you may have to wait a long time before any suitable housing becomes available.

Many do not cover the whole of the UK so you should check which associations cover the area you want to live in.

Some of them are registered with the local authority, they are called Registered Social Landlords. This means that some houses will be given in respect to the local authorities housing list.

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Tel: **020 8868 9000**, E-mail: warden@homegroup.org.uk
Website: www.warden.org.uk

William Sutton Trust: A registered Social Landlord that provides affordable rented accommodation for people on low incomes and in housing need. The Trust owns over 15,600 properties including 210 purpose-designed properties for wheelchair users. These vary in size from one bedroom flats to four bedroom houses.

Tel: **01442 891100**, Website: www.williamsutton.org.uk

Private Adapted Housing

The following two websites advertise accessible and adapted accommodation. The properties contain fixed equipment or adaptations designed to meet the needs of someone with a physical or other impairment. They are also a good resource to use for advertising your home if you are thinking of selling/renting and for finding suitable accommodation.

The Accessible Property Register: This property website hosts adverts for property that is accessible or adapted.

Tel: **0114 2307058**,

Website: www.accessible-property.org.uk

Mobility Friendly Homes: You can look for suitable accommodation or advertise your home online. www.mobilityfriendlyhomes.co.uk

Please note, many disability magazines will also advertise adapted homes for sale or for rent

Other Housing Organisations

National Disability Housing Network: A wide variety of agencies, organisations and government departments are involved in the delivery of good housing for disabled people. The Network provides an opportunity to share information and develop good practice in the area of housing and disability.

Tel: **020 7250 3222**, Website: www.radar.org.uk,

RNIB - Housing Service: Nationwide housing advice service for visually impaired people. It also offers advice, assistance, training and consultancy for advisers, housing professionals and organisations on visual impairment issues.

Tel: **020 7388 1266**,

E-mail: helpline@rnib.org.uk, Website: www.rnib.org.uk

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