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Supported Living

What is Supported Living?



Supported Living is housing and support for people with learning disabilities and other adults who are at risk.



People live in their own house, either on their own or share with other people and have the care and support they need to live as independently as possible.



They are able to choose where and how they live and who supports them.



The support is planned for the individual depending on what support is already provided by family or the community.



Housing benefits can be claimed to pay for the housing costs and other benefits may be claimed when you live independently.

What types of housing are there?



Separate flats and houses can be owned or rented



People can live near each other in separate flats or houses as part of a Community Support network. They have support from a volunteer community living worker who also lives in the area. They also support each other.



Groups of flats, usually between 6 and 10 called Cluster flats have communal areas and a support worker who is on call for emergencies.



Extra Care Housing provides flats with 24 hour care for people over 55 years old. These flats include equipment to help people live safely in their own flat.



In Shared housing 3 or 4 people live together in an ordinary house. Each person has their own room and shares the rest of the house. Some support can be shared. Shared housing works best for friends who choose to live together.

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