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Devon Home Choice – Social Rented Housing.

What is Devon Home Choice?



Devon Home Choice is a new way to rent a home from the council and some housing associations.

How does it work?



You will need to complete a housing registration form. You can ask someone to help you with this.



You will need to say why you want to move and the kind of home you are looking for.

Which band would I be in?

Band A

For people needing a home immediately, for example people who are very ill. Not many people are in Band A.

Band B

For people needing a home quickly.

Band C

For people who need a new home but can wait a little longer.

Band D

For people who might need a home in the future but can stay where they are for now.

Band E

For people who do not need a new home.

Where do I look for a home?



Homes that are available to rent from the council or housing associations are advertised on the internet, council offices and newsletters.



You can choose the ones you are interested in. This is often called 'bidding for a home'.

Choosing a home



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You can bid for 3 homes a week.



You will need to choose a home that is the right size for you.

How many rooms can I have?



If there are four of you, you can have a 4 bedroom house.



If you need a sleep-in carer or support worker, you can have a room for them too.

Where do I want to live?



Sometimes you have to decide what the most important thing is, is it:



a garden



being near your family



to be near shops or on a bus route



having a garage or parking space.

What happens next?



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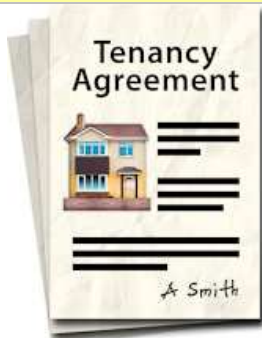
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If you are at the top of the shortlist, you will be asked to go and see the home that has been chosen.



You do not have to accept the home if you don't like it or it's not suitable.

What is a Tenancy Agreement?



If you do decide to accept it you will be asked to agree to the rules about having your home, like keeping it tidy and paying the rent, this is called a tenancy agreement.



When you agree to the rules you will get the keys to your new home.

What if I need help using Devon Home Choice?



You can ask your Local Authority Housing Department and you can get help:

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A graphic of an application form titled "Application Form". It has four input fields: "Name", "Address", "Education", and "Work Experience". Each field has a small icon to its left: a person for Name, a house for Address, a graduation cap for Education, and a person at work for Work Experience.

to make the housing application



to say which homes you like



to ask housing staff to choose for you



with moving or getting furniture

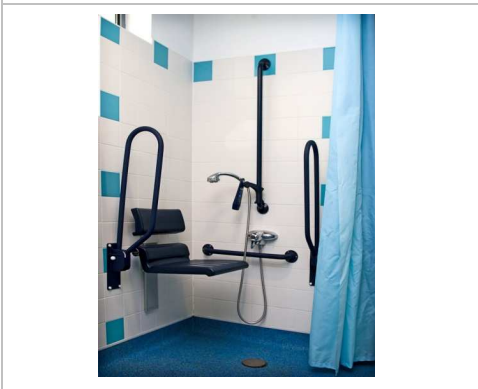


to look at other ways to get housing

What kind of housing is there on Devon Home Choice?

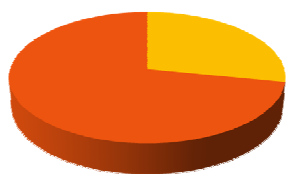


There are all types – from one bedroom flats to five bedroom houses.



There are adapted homes for people who have problems with stairs or who may need a shower instead of a bath.

Shared Ownership



■ customer
■ housing association

You can also think about something called ‘shared ownership’ where you can part buy and rent a home.

Other accommodation



There are also homes that are only for people over the age of 55. This is called sheltered accommodation.



There is also supported accommodation.

You can find out more about this in the factsheet FS21 – Supported Living
http://www.devon.gov.uk/fs21_supported_living_er_050810.pdf

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