

Homeless after leaving hospital

If you are due to become homeless following discharge from hospital, find out about services that could provide practical advice and help find accommodation.

If you will become homeless when you are discharged from hospital

You should tell the hospital's nursing staff as soon as possible. They will ask the hospital's discharge coordinator to help if they can. The discharge coordinator may make a referral to Housing Options. Housing Options will assess your situation and you may be offered temporary accommodation while your application is assessed. If the hospital's discharge coordinator has questions about the referral process, they can contact Barnet Homes' Brokerage Officer on **0208 359 3705**.

Shelter can provide advice over the phone on **0808 800 4444** or at a local advice centre. They can also help you find somewhere to stay if you are in need of shelter urgently.

Applying to Barnet Homes for assistance

You can approach our Housing Options service for assistance if you have nowhere to go following a stay in hospital. We will give you advice about finding somewhere to live and may make referrals to other organisations. We will open a homelessness application for you, and if you are eligible for assistance and are homeless or threatened with homelessness within 56 days you will be helped by one of your frontline teams. If you qualify for assistance with rehousing, we may provide emergency accommodation and we can help you move to a property in the private rented sector. Phone Housing Options on **0208 359 4797** for advice and assistance.

Other services that can help

Homeless Action Barnet | 0208 446 8400

Day shelter services, advice and information, and links to night shelters.

Address: 36B Woodhouse Road N12 0RG

Hours: 9:00-15:00 Monday to Friday

Shelter | 0808 252 7645 (emergency) 0808 163 1462 (non-emergency)

Housing and homelessness advice charity, helping with homelessness, evictions, private renting, benefits and more.

Online: <https://england.shelter.org.uk/>

Outreach Barnet | 0203 115 1185

Short-term support for housing-related support needs.

Email: duty@outreachbarnet.org.uk

Referral form: <https://www.outreachbarnet.org.uk/referrals/>

Barnet Citizen's Advice Bureau | 0300 456 8365

Advice service helping with benefits, debt, employment, housing, relationship breakdown and more.