

Leaving prison

If you were recently released from prison, find out about services that could provide practical advice and help find accommodation.

Get advice

There are a number of services which can provide you advice and support if you find yourself homeless after being released from prison.

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.

You will need to think about your housing options and how to find a new home. Contact our Housing Options Team on **020 8610 3539** for advice on private renting.

You should check the LHA rate for the area in which you wish to live. This will give you a benchmark for what you are available to afford, and what Housing Benefit will cover.

1. Find out the postcode for the property you are considering. Housing Benefit is calculated based on the location of the property you are moving to.
2. Go to <http://lha-direct.voa.gov.uk/search.aspx> for Local Housing Allowance Calculator.
3. Enter the number of bedrooms you are entitled to. If you are single and under 35, you will only be entitled to a room in a shared house.

Applying to Barnet Homes for assistance

You can approach our Housing Options service for assistance if you are homeless or at risk. 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 our 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

Langley House Trust | 0247 658 7360

Targeted services for ex-offenders including support for complex care needs and education, training, and employability support.

Blue Sky | 0189 583 9848

Recruitment service for prison leavers looking for work.

Email: info@blueskydevelopment.co.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.

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/>

Jobcentre Plus | 0846 604 3719

Advice and support for training and employment.

Hendon: 10 Finchley Lane, NW4 1DP

Finchley: 40 Ballards Lane N3 2BL

Barnet: Raydean House 15 Western Parade EN5 1AD

Edgware: Middlesex House 29-45 High Street HA8 7DX

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

5E Employment Training & Support | 0208 352 5656

Employment support, employability and study programmes for young persons.

Online: <http://www.fivee.co.uk/>

Email: info@fivee.co.uk

New Horizon Youth Centre | 020 7388 5560

Employment and training support for 16-21 year olds.

Email: info@nhyouthcentre.org.uk

Address: 68 Chalton St NW1 1JR