

## Homeless prevention

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**Housing options for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT) people who are considering their housing options because of homophobic, biphobic or transphobic hate crime.**

Many rough sleepers experience violence from those who walk past them in the street. For an LGBT person who is rough sleeping in their local area, the risk is higher as they may well be known by local homophobic, biphobic or transphobic people.

The Equality Act (2010) created a duty on public bodies to make efforts to understand and respond to the specific needs of people with protected characteristics, including LGBT people experiencing hate crime

## Remaining in your home

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**Social Housing tenancy** - Most social landlords have anti-social behaviour officers, domestic abuse or hate crime workers in post to support tenants. You could also ask for a transfer or exchange - If you are a tenant of a housing association you can apply for a transfer or mutual exchange. Ask your landlord or Homechoice staff how to register for any schemes they offer. You should ask anyone moving into your home not to disclose where you have gone.

**Private rent** – if you are struggling with arrears or ASB from neighbours please contact us for advice. You do not always need an appointment and we run freed advice service at Town Hall Weston-super-Mare or if you prefer to call us you can via 01934 426330. Alternatively you can message through a Home choice account or email [Housing.advice@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Housing.advice@n-somerset.gov.uk)

## Supported accommodation

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**Supported accommodation** – If you think you'll need quite a lot of support to live independently when you first leave home, you might be interested in supported accommodation. You'll live with other young people and have a support worker. They'll support you to develop skills like money management, cooking, doing your laundry, shopping and accessing benefits. They'll also help you with your education, employment and training goals.

## Applying as homeless

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If you cannot remain in your home because you are at risk you can apply as homeless to any local council. Drop into Town Hall or call us as soon as you think you may face a homeless situation.

We have a deposit bond scheme and a dedicated lettings team who search for suitable and affordable housing. We can negotiate with landlords and agents on your behalf and support you with a move into independent living.

## Support local to North Somerset

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North Somerset LGBT+ Forum are a local based registered charity formed to support members of the LGBT+ community, their friends and families within North Somerset. North Somerset LGBT+ is a voluntary organization whose aims are to provide a voice for the LGBT+ community in North Somerset. Please contact the forum for further helpful information. They have drop in sessions and a very useful information booklet full of supporting organisations.

## Still need help?

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You can also get information and advice from [www.england.shelter.org.uk](http://www.england.shelter.org.uk)

## List of contacts

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**NSLGBT Forum** : [www.nslgbtforum.com](http://www.nslgbtforum.com) Email [support@nslgbtforum.com](mailto:support@nslgbtforum.com) Phone - 01934 410 192

**GALOP** : National lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans helpline (GALOP) - 0800 999 5428\*

**Stonewall Housing**: <https://stonewallhousing.org/> phone - 020 7359 5767

**SARI** : General enquiries 0117 942 0060 - Report a hate crime - 0800 171 2272

**Mindline Trans** - 0300 330 5468 UK wide service for people who identify as Trans+, non-binary and their friends and family.

**The Beaumont Society** [www.beaumontsociety.org.uk](http://www.beaumontsociety.org.uk)