

## Rent storage space

You can rent a pram shed or garage to store your belongings. This space can also help if you want to sort through your stuff.

 Please contact the Customer service team in your local Area Housing Office for more details.

## Crack down on damp and mould

Overcrowded homes are more likely to develop damp and mould.

 Find out more about preventing it at [www.islington.gov.uk/dampandmould](http://www.islington.gov.uk/dampandmould)

## Get help with energy bills and staying warm and well

We offer free support if you are over 60, have a disability or long term illness or have children.

 Please call **SHINE** on **020 7527 2001** or email [contact@shine-london.org.uk](mailto:contact@shine-london.org.uk)

## Find quiet places for your children to study

To find out about local homework clubs and quiet places to study, please visit the Islington directory online: [www.islington.gov.uk/homeworkclubs](http://www.islington.gov.uk/homeworkclubs)

**If you would like this document in large print or Braille, audiotape or in another language, please contact 020 7527 2000.**

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## Overcrowded and waiting for a housing transfer?

If your home is overcrowded and you are waiting for a housing transfer, you may have to wait several years before you move.

**Find out about alternative ways to move, and how to make your home more comfortable.**



## Ways to move

Have you considered swapping your home? Last year 239 Islington tenants kept their social tenancies and found suitable homes in London and across the UK through one of these schemes. For more information please visit the relevant website below:

### homefinderuk.org

Homefinder UK advertises council homes across the UK – there are usually around 300 homes advertised on their website.



### homeswapper.co.uk

Homeswapper is the UK's leading mutual exchange service with over 500,000 tenants looking to swap council and housing association homes.



### houseexchange.org.uk

With thousands of properties all over the UK, House Exchange are the leading not-for-profit mutual exchange service for Council and Housing Association tenants.



## New Generation Scheme for tenants' children

Adult children of council, housing association and private sector tenants who have lived in Islington for the last three years and are living with tenants, now can apply for their own home through the New Generation Scheme. They will get extra points to help them move to their own home.

 For more information, please see: [www.islington.gov.uk/newgenerationscheme](http://www.islington.gov.uk/newgenerationscheme)

## Sheltered housing for older people with support needs

If you are living with a family member who is aged 55 and over and who has support needs, they may be eligible for sheltered housing.

 For more information, please contact the Housing Options team on **020 7527 4140** (option 1) or email [rehousing@islington.gov.uk](mailto:rehousing@islington.gov.uk)

## Low cost home ownership

Low cost home ownership allows you to move into a property by buying a small share of it and paying rent on the rest. These schemes are a very good way of getting yourself on the home ownership ladder and we will support you in any way we can to make this successful.

 For more information, please see: [www.islington.gov.uk/homeownership](http://www.islington.gov.uk/homeownership)

## Making best use of space if your property is overcrowded

### Furniture can save space

You can buy space saving furniture that can free up space in your home, such as bunk beds, sofa beds, under bed storage etc.

 We have examples of space saving solutions for your home on our website. Please visit [www.islington.gov.uk/helpwithovercrowding](http://www.islington.gov.uk/helpwithovercrowding)

### Get rid of stuff you don't need

You can sell unwanted items, recycle them or donate to charity shops.

We collect unwanted but reusable household and electrical goods free of charge (if you live on an estate), to sell to local people at affordable prices at the **Bright Sparks shop, 176 Seven Sisters Road, N7 7PX**. If you have good, clean furniture, electrical equipment like dishwashers, tumble dryers, toasters, hairdryers, and soft furnishings in decent condition with fire safety labels on them. Please contact your caretaker if you live on an estate or call on **020 7527 2000** to arrange a collection, if you live in a street property.

 Find out more about recycling unwanted items please visit [www.islington.gov.uk/furniturerefuse](http://www.islington.gov.uk/furniturerefuse)

**The British Heart Foundation** and **Bright Sparks** also offer a free collection of your unwanted reusable furniture to all residents regardless of tenure.

 For more details, please visit their websites: [www.bhf.org.uk](http://www.bhf.org.uk)  
[www.brightsparksonline.com](http://www.brightsparksonline.com)