

Housing adaptations, aids & sheltered housing

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Homes and Neighbourhood

How are you finding things at home?

- Stairs too much?
- Finding it difficult to clean or manage your garden?
- Wanting to move closer to friends or family?
- Can you move round your home easily?
- Do you have more rooms than you need?
- Can you still manage the cost of your rent or mortgage?



Future housing options

- I want to stay where I am
 - Housing adaptations
 - Telecare and other solutions
 - Getting support at home
 - Boosting your income
- I want to move to somewhere with more support
- Other housing options



I want to stay where I am

Making some changes at home

- Struggling at home or on discharge from hospital
- Occupational Therapy Assessment: specialist equipment & adaptations
- **What help is available?**
 - If council recommends adaptations – free up to £10K depending on financial situation
 - Specialist disability equipment & larger adaptations – apply for Disabled Facilities Grant (homeowners and housing association clients only)
 - If adaptations are under £1K and don't qualify for the grant, ask their Housing Association
- **How to get these?**
 - Talk to Social Services or Age UK Islington to organise an OT assessment (wait list)
 - Talk to Age UK Islington about paid-for options for aids & equipment

I want to stay where I am

Telecare and other solutions

- Technology that everyone can use that can help keep you safe at home & getting out and about
- **What help is available?**
 - Telecare red button pendant – contact support in an emergency 24 hours a day
 - Other providers offer similar services in sheltered housing
 - Technology to send an alert for help if you fall, leave stove on, flooding etc.
- **How to get this?**
 - If you receive support from Adult Social Care, there is no charge for the service.
 - Talk to the Islington Council Assistive Technology Team about paid options.
 - Age UK Islington can make referrals on your behalf

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Getting support at home

- Do you or someone you care for need support with everyday things – getting up, going to bed, washing or preparing meals?
- **What help is available?**
 - Care needs assessment through Islington Council (wait list)
 - Decision based on national criteria – only high levels of need will be eligible
 - Most of the support is means tested
- **What paid-for help is available?**
 - Ask friends and family for recommendations, or use Which? Trusted Trader search
 - Talk to Age UK Islington about ways to manage your shopping or to find local paid services to manage your garden or cleaning

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Boosting your income

- If you or your partner have extra care needs or are finding things difficult financially, you can get a benefit check or help with managing debt
- **What help is available?**
 - Benefits check – to see if you are receiving the right benefits / what you are eligible for
 - E.g. if you have a disability or need supervision, or over state pension age & on low income
 - Pension Credit is not claimed by many eligible people, yet opens door to other financial help
 - Help with energy bills
- **How to get these?**
 - Talk to Islington Council Income Maximisation team (here today) or Shine Energy Team
 - Age UK Islington can provide information & support to apply for benefits & help with energy bills

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I want to move somewhere with further support

Sheltered Housing

- For clients 55yrs/60yrs+ with mobility or medical needs who are struggling in their homes
- **What accommodation is available**
 - Self-contained flats, often with communal laundry rooms, communal gardens
 - Safety? Concierge on site in working hours, 24/7 emergency alarms
 - Waiting times currently up to a year, can request certain areas of Islington
 - Residents eligible for housing benefit can transfer this from old to new address
- **How to apply?**
 - Complete a housing 'change in circumstance' form and 'medical form'
 - Age UK Islington can provide information & help to apply, e.g. difficulty filling in forms
 - Islington Council Housing Team will do an assessment by phone

Future housing options

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- Other housing options
 - Seaside & Country Homes
 - Home Finder UK & Home swaps
 - General council / housing association properties



Other housing options

Seaside & Country Homes

- For clients 55yrs+ who live in social housing in London
- Priority is given to residents with greater number of bedrooms
- **What accommodation is available**
 - Bungalows & flats managed by housing associations across south coast, west country & eastern England – coastal and countryside
 - Some with private gardens, outdoor communal areas, peaceful purpose-built developments
- **How to apply?**
 - Application on Seaside & Country homes website / print off and post back
 - Age UK Islington can provide information & help to apply, e.g. difficulty filling in forms

Other housing options

General council / housing association property

- There is some general housing designated for 55yrs+ some of which disabled adapted
- Need at least 120 points to apply
- **How to apply?**
 - Need to complete a Housing 'change of circumstance' application or paper form
 - Copy of ID, proof of income, proof of 3 yrs (out of 5yrs) Islington residence needed
 - Age UK Islington can provide information & help to apply, e.g. difficulty filling in forms

Other housing options

Home Finder

- Helpful for people struggling to find accommodation or who are in difficult circumstances
- Provides help to find accommodation outside the local area
- In an average year 19 Islington families find a new home on Homefinder UK
- **Who do they help?**
 - Can help people who are homeless, living in temporary accommodation, people threatened with homelessness, victims of domestic abuse, overcrowded, ex-offenders, veterans
 - Case management service
- **How to apply?**
 - Via Home Finder website
 - Age UK Islington can provide information & help to apply, e.g. difficulty filling in forms

Other housing options

Home Swapper

- Social housing tenant renting from a registered housing association
- Home Swapper website – average year 162 Islington families swap their home

Smart Move Scheme

- Islington tenant in overcrowded property can swap with tenants with empty bedrooms

Downsizing

- Council property too big? Islington Housing Team can help you to downsize to smaller more manageable property

Summary



- Keep in mind housing stock in Islington is limited, but there are options and help that is available.
 - I want to stay where I am
 - I want to move to somewhere with more support
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Further information

- Islington Housing Team: 020 7527 5300
- Islington Adult Social Care: 020 7527 2299
- Age UK Islington: 020 7281 6018

Questions??