

What happens next?

Once we have had a referral we will phone and book an appointment with you to look at the following:

- Assess your housing needs
- What help we can offer
- Identify any support needs
- Discuss affordable rents

Please note that we will check your ID, Income Proof and request references.

What you will need to bring to an appointment with us

- A CV with work history
- Most recent 3 months bank statements
- Most recent 3 pay slips and / or current benefit award letters
- Up to date ID (Passport, Birth or Marriage Certificate, full drivers license, letter from probation/solicitor/doctor confirming identity)
- Information about any debts

Confirmation of Advice

Leaflet given by (name of worker):

Advice given with leaflet:

Comments/Complaints

We welcome feedback. Any comments or concerns about the service should be addressed and sent to Path Renting Support Service Manager.

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Path
Supporting People In Housing Need

Plymouth Renting Support Service

A service to help people at risk of homelessness to access



Path Renting Support Service

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How can we help?

- Offer a Deposit Guarantee for those who can't raise enough money to pay for a deposit
- Support people to save for their own deposit within 12 months
- Help identifying suitable properties
- Advice around budgeting and affordable rents
- Referrals into other support services
- Help completing Housing Benefit forms

Are you eligible for this service?

If you can answer YES to all of the following, this service may be for you

- Homeless or facing homelessness?
- On a low income or in receipt of benefits?
- Local to the Plymouth area?
- A good tenant, with no history of rent arrears, nuisance or of damaging property?
- Happy to explore renting from a private landlord?
- Have no other way of finding a deposit?
- Aged 18+?

How to apply

You must first be interviewed at the agency below who may make a referral to Path's Renting Support Service.

Plymouth City Council Housing Options

71 New George Street, Plymouth, PL1 1R Tel: 01752 305496

What you will need to take in with you on your first visit:

- Your Current Benefit Award Letter and Valid ID.

What is a Deposit Guarantee?

It is a written agreement instead of a cash deposit. A Deposit Guarantee lasts for a maximum of 12 months, giving you a year to save your own deposit. The Deposit Guarantee would cover up to a month's rent in the event that any damage was caused at the property.

Suitable Accommodation

We need to check the property is suitable for you.

Do not move in or sign anything until we have agreed to the tenancy. We cannot offer support if you move into the property before we have agreed that we can help you.



Local Housing Allowance Rates (LHA)

Below are the LHA rates that you could be entitled to in the private rented sector. The Shared Accommodation Rate (SAR) applies to anyone sharing a property. This is the maximum you could claim if you are aged under 35.

Rates for 2017/2018

| Room requirement | Weekly | Calendar monthly |
|---------------------------|---------|------------------|
| Shared accommodation rate | £71.21 | £308.58 |
| 1 bedroom | £94.16 | £408.23 |
| 2 bedroom | £122.36 | £530.23 |
| 3 bedroom | £145.43 | £630.20 |
| 4 bedroom | £182.45 | £790.62 |

Deposit Saving Scheme

Part of this service supports people to save for their own deposit. We will expect clients to join a savings scheme and we will monitor and prompt regular savings. The deposit savings service is run in partnership with the City of Plymouth Credit Union.