

Single-person households

If you are a single-person household, find out about services that could provide practical advice and help to find accommodation.

Applying to Barnet Homes for assistance

You can approach our Housing Options Service for assistance if you are homeless or at risk of homelessness. 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 **020 8610 3539** for advice and assistance.

Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme

Barnet Homes' Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme has been set up to help single people and childless couples find accommodation in the private rented sector. As most landlords want a deposit and month's rent in advance, this scheme encourages landlords to make accommodation available to tenants where they otherwise might not have been able to access it. You will be expected to enter into a contract with the landlord and Barnet Homes which will cover the terms of the deposit guarantee. We pay four weeks' rent in advance and guarantee deposit in bond form.

You must be eligible to claim Housing Benefit, have a local connection with Barnet, and capable of independent living with no support needs. You must be willing to look into your own future housing options. For more information, phone **0208 359 4967**.

Foundation Project

The Foundation Project pays four weeks' rent in advance to the landlord or agent together with an incentive payment (£500 for studio or one bedroom flat and £250 for a single room). It does not guarantee deposit. You will also receive three months support after your tenancy begins.

If you are engaging with Outreach Barnet, Solace Women's Aid, WDP, or probation services then you can be referred for this scheme. This scheme is suitable for those with low or medium support needs. For more information, phone **0208 359 4657**.

Other services that can help

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/>

Age UK Barnet | 0208 203 5040

Home support, community groups and later life planning for over-55s with a local connection to Barnet.

Online: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/barnet/>

Email: info@ageukbarnet.org.uk

Homeless Action in Barnet | 0208 446 8400

Day centre services, advice, and information.

Address: 36B Woodhouse Rd N120RG

Hours: 9:00-15:00 Monday to Friday

Outreach Barnet | 0203 115 1185

Short-term support for housing-related support needs.

Referral form: <https://www.outreachbarnet.org.uk/referrals/>

New Horizon Youth Centre | 0207 388 5570

Centre for 16-21 year olds, offering referrals to accommodation, advice, education, and employment support.

Address: 68 Chalton Street, NW1 1JR

Barnet Refugee Service | 0208 905 9002

Support service for asylum seekers and refugees with a local connection to Barnet.

Online: <http://www.b-r-s.org.uk/>