

What is temporary accommodation?

Information for single homeless with no dependants

Factsheet

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Temporary accommodation is emergency housing that the council will seek to place you in if you are homeless and satisfy the criteria for homelessness. It is housing that will be provided on the day you need it. You will be offered temporary accommodation while we consider your homeless application.

Temporary accommodation is not permanent accommodation and will be cancelled by the council if they have made a negative a decision about your application. If it is cancelled, you will be given notice of the cancellation in writing.

Where will I be placed?

- You will be placed in a council run hostel (reception centre) or a property in the private rented sector in Islington or another borough.
- You will have to pay a nightly charge for your accommodation. You may be able to apply for housing benefit to help pay for this.
- If you are placed in a reception centre, bedding will be provided. You will be expected to pay a service charge for the provision of gas, electricity and water.
- If you are placed in a private sector property, a managing agent will look after the property and deal with any repairs or health and safety issues. The accommodation will be furnished but you will be expected to supply your own bedding and kitchen utensils.
You will be responsible for paying your own utility bills.
- In shared accommodation you will have your own lockable bedroom and share kitchens, toilets and bathrooms.

What happens when a decision has been made about my case?

- If the council accepts a housing duty for you, then you will normally remain in your temporary accommodation until you are rehoused into permanent accommodation (provided you keep to the terms of your licence). If you have support needs or are aged 16/17 years, we may transfer you to supported housing.
- If the council does not accept a housing duty for you, you will need to leave your temporary accommodation and make your own housing arrangements. The council may be able to provide you with advice on this.

Offer of permanent accommodation

Once the council has accepted a housing duty for you, you will be given points to bid for permanent accommodation. If you have not successfully bid after 6 weeks, the council will make you an offer of permanent accommodation that is suitable for your needs through its Supported Choice scheme.

This is likely to be a property owned by the council or a housing association.

Can I refuse an offer of permanent accommodation?

If you refuse the offer of council or housing association housing, you will have an opportunity to appeal. If the council finds in your favour, you will be made one last offer. If the council does not find in your favour you will not be made any further offers of housing. You will therefore be expected to make your own housing arrangements as you will have made yourself intentionally homeless.

Should you decline an offer of accommodation, the council can advise you how to access housing in a private tenancy.

Further Information

If you require any further information about temporary accommodation, please speak to your allocated caseworker at the **Housing Aid Centre;**

**Islington Customer
Centre 222 Upper
Street N1 1RX**

T: 020 7527 2000

E: advice.housing@islington.gov.uk

or visit: **<http://england.shelter.org.uk>** and search under the page titled: '**Temporary housing after the council has made a decision**'.