

Leaving Custody

If you are you about to leave or recently left custody and have not secured accommodation, you can find information below.

Further information on your housing options available on the following factsheets

Useful links

Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Service

www.swmcrc.co.uk

NACRO

www.nacro.org.uk

Rethink

www.rethink.org/resources

Support for Mental Illness a selection of Factsheets available

Saltbox – Restart

Provides accommodation and support for offenders

01782 815 879

Email: restart@saltbox.org.uk

If you want more information about your housing rights and the council's duties please visit Shelter's website.

If you wish to apply for housing in Newcastle under Lyme you need to register on Homes direct.

Before your application can be considered for acceptance on the housing waiting list, we will require further details of your conviction history. We only require convictions considered unspent under The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

You can request this information from the disclosure and baring service, a public body who provides this information and ensures we do not see information we are not entitled to see.

The disclosure we require is the 'Basic Disclosure' which contains only convictions considered unspent under The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, if you have no unspent convictions, the report will state this.

The contact details are:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service/about>

Referrals can be made online or via post. To submit an online referral, create a DBS online account and once logged in, select 'Submit a referral'. Alternatively, you can complete the DBS paper referral form and send to:

Disclosure and Barring Service
PO Box 3963
Royal Wootton Bassett
SN4 4HH

Once you have applied to the Disclosure and Barring Service, you will receive the Certificate, it usually arrives within 14 days. They charge £25.00, and payment can be made on line via their website.

Once we have enough information, we will then consider whether you can be accepted onto the Housing Register or if you are a 'disqualified person' and should be excluded from it. We will write to you again to advise you of this decision.