

Armed Forces Community in Sussex

Pathways for Housing

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Still in service / transitioning?

SPACES (Single Persons Accommodation Centre for the Ex-Services)

Helps find accommodation up to 6 months after discharge for single, ex-service personnel with no permanent home. Information and advice only if +6 months discharge. Catterick Garrison, 01748 833797. spaces@riverside.org.uk

The MOD Joint Services Housing Advice Office (JSHAO)

Provides Service Leavers and ex Service Personnel still occupying Service Family Accommodation with advice on housing options and if possible places into social housing. Aldershot, 01252 787574. JSHAO advice line 0800 3287641.

Advice and Support

SSAFA

Housing Advice Service offers advice and assistance for all veterans and their spouses, including disabled ex-service people, separated families looking for temporary supported accommodation or the homeless. 0800 169 9060

The Royal British Legion

Provide advice and guidance on housing options and may provide rent deposit bonds to eligible applicants, if statutory provision is not available. Queen's Street, Brighton, National number - 0808 802 8080

Shelter

Homeless charity provides specific advice online for ex-forces on housing choices and financial help. General housing advice available with Shelterline - 0808 800 444

Xtrax

Support services for people aged 16-25: housing, sexual health and more. Mon/Weds/Fri/Sun: 3-10pm Breakfast club: Mon-Fri: 9-10am Harold Place, Hastings, 01424 722524

Wounded and Injured

Stoll100

Provides housing and support to disabled ex-service personnel, including people with poor mental health, alcohol problems or homeless issue. Links with Providers across region 0207 385 2110

Blind Veterans UK – formerly St Dunstan's

Helps visually impaired ex-service persons with rehabilitation, teaching new skills, resolving housing issues and has social activities. 85 bedrooms mainly for short-term visitors, but some are permanent homes for people who need residential care. Greenways, Ovingdean, Brighton, 0800 389 7979

Use this pathway with the homeless and physical health pathway to get full information

Residential Care Homes / Respite

Sussexdown (formerly RAFA)

57 nursing care beds include 4 for short welfare breaks and convalescence. Now open to everyone but priority is given to ex-RAF people and their dependants.

Storrington, 01903 744221

St Vincent's (SSAFA)

Residential Care Home on the Isle of Wight. stvincents@ssafa.org, 01983 563248

Mais House (RBL)

Exclusive to ex-Service people and their dependants. They have 48 single and three double bedrooms. The team of nurses and care assistants are on hand 24 hours a day. Bexhill on Sea, 01424 215871

Chaseley House

A home for severely disabled people providing treatment for spinal injury, Acquired Brain Injury and stroke, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease. Priority given to ex-Service personnel and their dependants. Respite and rehabilitation is also offered. Eastbourne, 01323 744200 info@chaseleytrust.org

Sheltered / Retirement

RAF Association Sheltered Housing

For those of retirement age who wish to retain their independence, can care for themselves and require minimal support. All ex-RAF personnel and their spouses may apply. Storrington, 01903 744701

Belvedere House

Accommodation for elderly persons or their widows who have some connections with the sea. Sheltered housing and nursing care in Banstead, Surrey

Royal British Legion Industries RBLI

On the Royal British Legion Village located south of Aylesford, Kent, it provides nursing homes, sheltered housing and independent living units, as well as employment and social activities. living@rbli.co.uk
Tel: 01622 795900 / 01622 795910

Haig Homes

Providing rented housing for people who have served in the armed forces. The majority of homes are suitable for families. No sheltered, residential or nursing homes. Morden, Surrey, 0208 685 5777

Officers Association

Providing advice and/or information; they may be able to help with essential repairs, and top -up payments.

Statutory Provision

All veterans can apply for social housing with any local authority. They may receive additional preference due to having served in the forces. However, because social housing is in such very short supply, even housing applicants with additional preference can still face a very long wait for social housing.

Veterans no longer need to demonstrate a connection to the local authority area where they wish to live, providing their housing application is made within five years of their service ending.

In general, veterans and reservists will receive further priority when seeking housing if they are suffering an injury or disability which is attributable to their service.

Local Authority Housing Options

Housing Options Teams offer advice by prearranged interview or at their housing dropin advice clinics and on council websites.

Lewes DC, 01273 471600 Wealden DC, 01323 443 380 Eastbourne BC, 01323 410 000 Rother DC, 01424 787 000 Hastings BC, 01424 451 100 Brighton & Hove CC 01273 294 400, opt 2,

Chichester DC, 01243 785 166
Arun DC, 01903 737552
Horsham DC, 01403 215 204
Worthing BC, 01903 221 063
Adur DC, 01903 221 063
Crawley BC, 01293 438 607
Mid Sussex DC, 01444 477 574

Homemove

Can register if you are on your council's housing register or transfer register. The scheme covers both general needs, supported and senior housing. The scheme does not cover residents of Crawley or Horsham who use their own services (linked).

Applying to the Housing Register

Each Council's process is different; either online, at interview or a mixture of both.

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After applying you will be put into a Band. Every council has different policies and Bands ex-Armed Forces persons differently.