



Housing Guide Section 11 Blue Word Glossary

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Independent Living



We have written this guide to support **independent living** for everyone.



This guide talks a lot about housing and support choices, but we want to explain an important idea called independent living.



Living independently does not mean doing everything yourself or not having support.

In this housing guide we have highlights words in **blue** if we think they needed explaining.



Blue Words

In this section we have listed all the **blue** words or terms in alphabetical order.



Please use this document to help you understand the information in the housing guide.



You can also use it to help you understand housing information created by other organisations.

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Advocacy

Getting support from another person to help you express your views and wishes, and help you stand up for your rights.



Advocate

Someone who support you express your views and wishes, and help you stand up for your rights.



British Institute of Human Rights

An independent charity based in London which raises awareness and understanding about the importance of human rights.



Care Act

A law about care and support for adults in England.



Care Act assessment

Assessment by the council for anyone who may need care and support.



Care package

The care and support given to you by your local council.



Care Quality Commission (CQC)

CQC checks health and social care services are following the rules for their service. They also look at how good the service is.



Challenging behaviour

Any behaviour that someone displays that is a challenge for others to manage and/or puts the young person or others at risk.

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Co-design

A way of people working together. People with different skills and experiences make decisions together - everyone taking part has equal power.



Commissioners

People who plan and buy services.



Communal

Shared by all members of a community or home, for common use.



Co-production

Co-production means services working together with people who use services and carers.

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Council Tax

A tax for all households by local councils to funding local services like such as police and fire services.



Deposit

When renting a landlord may ask for money before you move in, which you may get back when you leave.



Direct Payment

Where you receive money to organise and pay for the support yourself.



Disabled Facilities Grant

Money you can get from local council to pay for adaptations in your home.

For example, a shower room, handrails or widening doors.

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Eligible

Having the right to do or get something, if you meet the appropriate conditions.



Equality Act

The Equality Act is a law that protects you from being treated unfairly.



Government bodies

Organisations that are part of the government.



HOLD Scheme

It is a government scheme to help people with a disability buy any home for sale as **Shared Ownership**.

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Housing association

Organisations that rents houses and flats to people on low incomes or with particular needs.



Housing benefit

Money you can get from the local council to pay for all or some of your rent.



Housing department

Department within local councils that support people with housing.



Housing Law

Rules set by the government that landlords, tenants and homeowners must follow.

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Human Rights Act

A law to protect your human rights.



Independent

Being in charge of your life and making the decisions on what happens. You might have support to do that.



Independent Financial Advisor

A professional who provides independent advice for people about money.



Independent living

Independent Living means living in the community and disabled people are getting the same choice, control, and opportunities as other people.

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Individual Service Fund

A provider who manages your support and the money under an agreement with you.



Insurance

An arrangement with a company to provide compensation for specified loss, damage, illness, or death in return for regular payments.



Landlord

Person or organisation who owns the home you live in.



Law

A rule or set of rules, enforceable by the courts.

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Legal

Connected to law or allowed by law.



Legal Advice

Professional advice provided by a trained lawyer.



Legal Case

This is when someone thinks the law has been broken so they go to court to get a decision.



Legal fees

A fee paid for legal service.

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Living expense

Something you need and pay for.



Local Housing Allowance (LHA)

Rates used to work out how much housing benefit you can get if you are a tenant renting from a private landlord.



Maintenance

Repair or servicing of a home or household goods, furniture, appliances or garden.



Mental Capacity Act

A law to protect and empower people who cannot make their own decisions.

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Mental Health Act

Law that covers the assessment, treatment and rights of people with a mental health disorder.



Mortgage

A loan with a bank or building society to buy your own home.



Nursing homes

A home for a group of people with a nurse to provide medical care.



Ombudsman

Government bodies that find out what has happened when someone complains about an organisation.

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Personal budget

Amount of money your local council will pay towards any social care and support you need.



Private Bodies

Companies or business that are run by people not the government.



Private landlord

Person who owns the home you live in.



Protects

To look after yourself or look after something by legal measures.

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Public bodies

Organisations that serve the general public.

For example, NHS or councils.



Rent

Paying a person or organisation to live in their home.



Registered Care Homes

A home that is set up for people who share a similar disability.

These homes are registered with CQC and they check how they work.



Residential care

A home that provides care and support for a group of people.

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Rights

About how people should be treated.



Safeguarding

Protecting a citizen's health, wellbeing and human rights.



Secure

Likely to continue and not fail, be lost, or taken away.



Shared Lives Scheme

You would live with a host family.

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Shared Ownership

Owning part of a home, but also pay some rent.



Shared Lives Scheme

You would live with a host family.



Social Housing

Accommodation that is provided at an affordable rate.

This is usually run by Housing Associations or a Council



Support plan

A plan created by the local council to make sure your care and support needs are met.

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Supported Housing Schemes

supported housing is often used to describe accommodation for people with a wider range of needs, not all of whom will need personal care - including refuges for people fleeing domestic violence.



Tax

Money paid to the government that is based on your income or the cost of goods or services you have bought.



Tenancy agreement

A contract agreed between you and the landlord to give you the right to live in the home.



Tenant

Someone who rents a home.

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Trial

A formal examination of evidence by a judge, typically before a jury, in order to decide guilt in a case of criminal or civil proceedings.



United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

International human rights treaty of the United Nations intended to protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities.



Valuation

The process of working out the value of something, such as a house.

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