

# Homelessness Prevention Team Directory of Housing Related Support Services 2025 to 2026

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#### Introduction

This includes things like 'sofa-surfing,' living in unsuitable accommodation, accessing emergency beds, and sleeping rough. It means facing difficult and traumatic experiences. Homelessness or risk of homelessness can happen, and continue, for many different reasons, including evictions (not necessarily because of any fault of the tenant), relationship/family breakdown, being unable to cope because of experiencing traumas or other support needs, and citizens just not having enough money to keep their home, perhaps because of a job loss or changes to benefits.

Our housing related support services are for citizens 16+ who live in Denbighshire and are homeless or at risk of losing their home. We aim to prevent homelessness wherever possible, collaborating with the community and our partners to identify and tackle its causes, and empower citizens to live as independently as possible.

#### What is housing related support?

Housing related support helps citizens to develop or maintain the skills and confidence to live as independently as possible. It can be supported housing (where citizens live in an accommodation-based project, and usually need a bit more support to build their independent living skills) or 'floating support' (where a support worker isn't 'fixed' to any accommodation, so they can work with you in your own home, or if you're currently staying with family, 'sofa-surfing' etc.)

All support is time-limited, usually up to around 6-24 months, depending on individual needs and circumstances. The citizen always leads support, but could include help with things like:

- Achieving safety, security, and better quality of life
- Developing independent living skills
- Taking control of finances, e.g., support with budgeting, addressing arrears, accessing money advice
- Accessing other helpful support and opportunities, including employment /training/education/volunteering

This Directory details all the housing related support services commissioned by the Denbighshire County Council (DCC) Homelessness Prevention Team through the Housing Related Support Program.

#### **Contact Information**

You can make a referral for these services by completing the referral form, and sending to:

#### spoa@denbighshire.gov.uk

To get help and advice, and to talk through your options, you can also:

Email: <a href="mailto:homeless.prevention@denbighshire.gov.uk">homeless.prevention@denbighshire.gov.uk</a> / Call: 01824 712099

Contact the Homelessness Prevention Team Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4:30pm

You can also contact us from the One Stop Shop or visit one of the Talking Points.

#### **Homelessness Prevention Pathway**

All referrals for housing related support (excluding refuge and emergency beds) must be sent to the Homelessness Prevention Pathway via:

#### hppathway@denbighshire.gov.uk

The Pathway will then match the referral to the most appropriate support project with a vacancy at the time; considering the citizen's needs and wished and enabling fair and equal access to support. Sometimes a citizen may need to go on to the Pathway's waiting list if there are no current suitable spaces.

They also work to make sure any barriers to accessing the right support are overcome, including coordination multi-agency approaches when needed.

#### **Young Peoples Positive Pathway**

This is a partnership between the Homelessness Prevention Team, Children's Services and Youth Justice. The Project works with all young citizens (from 16 up to 25 years old)

who contact DCC when they are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

#### **Homelessness Prevention Officers (HPO's)**

The HPOs work with citizens who are homeless or at risk of losing their home, to help them prevent homelessness or find suitable accommodation.

If a citizen is homeless now, or at risk of homelessness within the next 56 days (when there are usually legal duties to offer help), HPOs will work with that citizen to complete an assessment to find out what support might be available and best suit their needs and circumstances

They will then work with them on their Personal Housing Plan to prevent or end their homelessness. The HPOs work closely with housing related support projects to provide the best support offer for each citizen.

#### **Temporary Accommodation and Tenancy Sustainment**

The Council have a duty to provide accommodation for citizens in certain circumstances, or who have certain support needs. This depends on the outcome of the assessment with the HPOs, as above.

The Temporary Accommodation and Tenancy Sustainment Officers work closely with landlords to make sure that accommodation is of a good standard and suitable for citizens with a range of needs.

They also offer support when citizens move on into their own accommodation, to ensure the new tenancy is successful and sustainable.

#### **Homelessness Prevention Triage Officers**

The Triage Officers are the first point of contact for all homelessness presentations, SARTH applications and advice sought. They ensure that all referrals into the Homelessness Prevention Team (HPT) are triaged to identify the most effective pathway for support. The Triage Officers deliver accurate advice, signposting, referrals and information to citizens and professionals.

#### **SARTH (Assessment Officers)**

Denbighshire operates a Single Access Route To Housing (SARTH) service, which means applicants will only have to make one application to go on the Housing Register and not one to each housing provider.

The SARTH is shared by all social housing providers in Denbighshire including:

- Denbighshire County Council
- Denbighshire Housing
- Grŵp Cynefin
- Clwyd Alyn
- North Wales Housing
- Wales and West Housing
- ADRA
- Cartrefi Conwy

The SARTH Assessment Officers will assess your housing need depending on your circumstances and prioritise your housing need into one of the four bands.

If you don't have a housing need recognised in the banding scheme, the team can offer you advice which covers a whole range of affordable housing options, including social housing, private rented accommodation, home ownership and other available alternatives in Denbighshire.

### List of support services

### **Generic Support**

These are projects that can work with citizens with a broad range of support needs.

Support Project and	Minimum	Service Description
Service Provider	number of	
	citizens	
	supported	
Denbighshire	170	This is a supported housing and floating support
Collaborative : multi-		project for citizens aged 16+ with a broad range of
disciplinary		needs and circumstances. It consists of at least 35
homelessness		units of supported housing and 54 units of floating
prevention project		support.

Support Project and	Minimum	Service Description
Service Provider	number of	
	citizens	
	supported	
Ty Golau; DCC and	7	This is an emergency beds, supported housing, and
Clwyd Alyn Housing	4	floating support project. There are 3 separate but
Association	4	linked elements:
Partnership		Emergency Beds: a direct access service
		offering emergency beds in male and female
		dorms for citizens who are 18+, without
		dependent children, who don't have a safe place
		to stay. The project usually offers a 3-night
		licence and will work with citizens to move them
		on to more secure accommodation (e.g.,
		supported housing or their own tenancy) as
		soon as possible.
		The Hostel: a short term (up to 3 months)
		supported housing for citizens 18+, without
		dependent children, who are homeless or
		threatened with homelessness. Communal
		areas are shared with other residents and the
		project is 24-hour staffed.
		High Intensity Support Service: a floating
		support project for citizens 18+, without
		dependent children, who are either homeless or
		threatened with homelessness.

Support Project and	Minimum	Service Description
Service Provider	number of	
	citizens	
	supported	
Tenancy Support		Tenancy Support Officers provide a broad range of
Team DCC		tenancy sustainment <b>floating support</b> to prevent
		presentation into statutory homelessness and
		evictions into homelessness, primarily from
		Denbighshire Community Housing and ideally
		through early intervention. The Tenancy Support
		Team also provides move on support for new
		tenants of Denbighshire Community Housing, who
		have previously been homeless.
Supporting	120	This is a floating support project for citizens with a
Independence at		broad range of needs and circumstances, working
Home; SIL DCC		in partnership with Reablement and Health.
		Citizens supported are usually aged over 50.

Support Project and	Minimum	Service Description
Service Provider	number of	
	citizens	
	supported	
My Home	110	My Home Denbighshire is an Early Intervention
Denbighshire;		Project whose overarching aim is to support
Shelter		citizens within Denbighshire to avoid them ever
		having to enter the Homelessness system. We will
		work with a wide range of citizens, (16+) who
		present to us with a variety of support needs,
		including but not limited to: financial difficulties,
		relationship breakdowns, mediation between PRS
		and tenant situations – with a view to sustaining the
		tenancy as a result, fuel poverty, property in
		disrepair etc., allowing citizens to make informed
		choices, with guidance, to gain better control of
		their situation, whilst empowering them to
		independently maintain their commitments and
		responsibilities going forward, without them
		spiralling further out of control

Support Project and	Minimum	Service Description
Service Provider	number of	
	citizens	
	supported	
Temporary	32	This project is a holistic, housing related support
Emergency		service for people who are living in temporary
Accommodation		emergency accommodation, owned by the local
Support		authority in Denbighshire. Individuals supported will
The Salvation Army		be any gender; aged 16 and above; single or part of
		a couple and may or may not have dependent
		children and pets. Most individuals supported will
		be resident in temporary emergency
		accommodation in Denbighshire, owned and
		managed by Denbighshire County Council, and
		identified as needing support to enable them to
		sustain their accommodation, prevent reoccurring
		homelessness and move on into more suitable
		accommodation.

### **Domestic Abuse Support**

Support Project and Service Provider	Minimum number of citizens supported	Service Description
Domestic Abuse Floating Support and Denbighshire Refuges; DASU (Domestic Abuse Safety Unit)	<ul> <li>20 - 25 Refuge Househ olds</li> <li>35 - 60 Floating Support</li> </ul>	This is a floating support service for a minimum of 35 citizens who have support needs related to domestic abuse, and as a result are either homeless or threatened with homelessness.  There is also direct access emergency refuge accommodation, offering support for up to 25 citizens and their children who are escaping domestic abuse, and as a result are homeless or threatened with homelessness.

### **Family Support Team**

Support Project and Service Provider	Minimum number of citizens	Service Description
Family Support Team; DCC	59	This is a floating support project for families who are involved with statutory services in the areas of child protection and children in need, as well as families identified as being in urgent need of such statutory services. This project also supports young citizens leaving the care of Denbighshire County Council where a continuing statutory duty exists.

### **Mental Health Support**

Comico	Minimum	Service Description
Service	number of	
Provider	citizens	
	supported	
Mental Health	12	This is a floating support project for citizens with mental
Floating		health support needs, including citizens who may not
Support;		have a formal diagnosis. Citizens may have a broad
Gorwel		range of mental health support needs, including things
		like low mood or anxiety as a result of their housing
		situation.
Mental Health	6	This is a high intensity supported housing project (6 units)
Floating		for vulnerable people with identified mental health needs
Support; Stori		who are resident in Denbighshire and who are homeless
Cymru		or at risk of becoming homeless.
Mental Health	55	This project is a floating support service providing
Housing		housing support for people with a lead need of mental
Team		health. The support is for anyone that is struggling with
		their housing needs, are homeless or are at risk of
		homelessness. The level of support is catered to the
		needs of the individual.

Minimum	Service Description
number of	
citizens	
supported	
7	This is a high intensity supported housing project (3 units
	in shared house and 4 satellite flats) to provide
	accommodation and support to homeless people with
	mental health needs.
	Support is provided to people who are not in receipt of or
	not eligible for secondary mental health services, but who
	may be in receipt of primary care for mental health needs.
	The project will also support people who are identified as
	having mental health needs through a "homeless"
	assessment.
	Staff deliver support activities in the accommodation
	provided and in the community. There is a 24 hour on-call
	service.
	Service users will be people aged 18 or over who
	currently live in Denbighshire and are either homeless or
	threatened with homelessness.
	number of citizens supported

### **Under 25s Projects**

Support Project and Service Provider	Minimum number of citizens supported	Service Description
Y Dyfodol;	24	This is a supported housing project for young citizens
Clwyd Alyn		without dependent children. The project has two
Housing		elements:
Association		24 hour staffed units: The project offers several
		flats within the main project site which are either
		shared by 2 young citizens of the same gender or
		individual flats for sole occupancy.
		Outreach: This element of the project is self-
		contained flats, which may be used as move-
		on/step-down accommodation from 24 hour staffed
		units.
Yr Hafod	12	This is a supported housing and floating support project.
Supported		The 6 units of supported accommodation are for young
Housing and		citizens with no dependent children. They offer self-
Floating		contained flats as well as shared communal areas within
Support;		the project which is 24-hour staffed. The project is closely
Grŵp Cynefin		linked to the Denbigh Hwb, and there is an expectation
		that young citizens accessing the project will engage in
		education / training / employment / volunteering activities.
		The floating support is for young citizens with or without
		dependent children.

### **Substance Abuse Support**

Support Project and	Minimum number of	Service Description
Service Provider	citizens	
	supported	
<b>Doorstop</b> ; The Wallich	7	This is a floating support and supported housing
		project for citizens with no dependent children,
		who have support needs relating to substance
		(including alcohol) use. Citizens accessing the
		project will usually be in treatment / recovery
		(e.g., post-detox or on prescription medication),
		however, citizens wishing to address their
		substance use support needs who have not yet
		engaged in the relevant support will still be
		considered. There is at least 1 unit of floating
		support and 6 units of self-contained supported
		accommodation.

### Parent and child supported accommodation

Support Project and Service Provider	Minimum number of citizens supported	Service Description
Clwyd Alyn – Seren	5	This is a supported living project designed for
Bach – Bruton Park		homeless single parents with a child aged two or
		under. The project operates 24 hours a day and
		provides five self-contained flats within the main
		building along with a communal space. The
		service offers support to help parents develop
		skills and confidence needed to achieve
		independent living. In addition to the main site,
		the project also offers a self-contained parent and
		child outreach property designed to help parents
		prepare for move on to independent living.

### **Additional Services**

Commant Dualisat and	Service Description	
Support Project and		
Service Provider		
Working	The Homeless Employment Mentor provides a flexible, high	
Denbighshire -	quality service, working in partnership with Denbighshire's	
Employment Mentor	Homeless Prevention Officers and other employability projects	
Officer	as part of an integrated 'Working Denbighshire' approach.	
	The project provides employment focused support to anyone in	
	Denbighshire who is under 35, unemployed/underemployed	
	and at risk of either becoming homeless or homeless, to help	
	to identify and overcome the barriers that are preventing	
	people moving into employment.	
	Support includes:	
	support to a caseload of participants identified as being	
	eligible to receive services under the programme	
	Offer support to people in a more personalised way through	
	a person centred and strengths-based approach	
	Be responsible for mentoring and coaching participants,	
	empowering and motivating them to identify and take	
	practical steps to overcome barriers preventing them taking	
	up identified training and employment opportunities	
	Enable citizens to start on their journey to secure	
	sustainable employment or to progress whilst in work and in	
	the long term lift them out of poverty	
	Take an asset-based approach, encouraging positive risk	
	taking: maximising people's own strengths and resources,	
	and recognising that people are experts in their own lives	
Grwp Cynefin – Going	This project provides support and information to young people	
it Alone	across Conwy and Denbighshire on the realities of	
	independent living and youth homelessness.	
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Support Project and	Service Description	
Service Provider		
NACRO –	We work with people aged 16 and over who are homeless or	
Resettlement	potentially homeless in Denbighshire. We aim to help people	
	and their families and to resettle in the local community and	
	provide initial support while they settle.	
	Our support includes the following:	
	- Information and advice about housing options	
	- Help to apply for grants for rent in advance, deposits,	
	and furniture they may qualify for.	
	- Advice with rent arrears and rent top-ups	
	- Advice on maintaining good relationships with landlords	
	and neighbours	
	- Working with Denbighshire Homeless Prevention Team	
	to help people achieve their Personal Housing Plan	
	Signposting to usual agencies and referring you to specialist	
	services if needed	
NACRO Bond	Nacro delivers a bond scheme that helps people who are homeless	
Scheme	or at risk of homelessness to secure accommodation. This is through	
	a deposit guarantee in place of a cash deposit payment to a private	
	landlord.	
	Eligibility	
	To be eligible for the scheme a person must be homeless or at risk	
	of homelessness and be a resident of Conwy or Denbighshire.	
	The scheme is available to both single people and families. There is	
	no age criteria	

Support Project and Service Provider	Service Description
Intuitive Thinking	Intuitive Thinking Skills are running an Ambassador
Skills	Programme which recruits and trains citizens with lived
	experience to then be placed back into services as
	volunteers/Ambassadors. This programme includes 2
	accredited educational courses along with 1-1 mentoring to
	empower citizens to support others experiencing similar issues.
	Intuitive Thinking Skills also provides specialist 1-1 mentoring
	around behaviour and attitude change.