What to do if you are leaving hospital or struggling with mental illness

Rethink provide support and advice for people struggling with mental health issues. They can advise on everything from treatment and care to benefits and employment advice.

0300 500 0927

Shelter can offer detailed housing advice for people struggling with mental illness.

england.shelter.org.uk 0808 800 4444

St Albans City and District Council
Housing Options Team
Self Referral Tool: https://hpa2.org/refer/SADC
housing.options@stalbans.gov.uk
01727 819355
If you are facing homelessness upon leaving hospital or struggling with mental illness there are a number of options available to you.

**Leaving Hospital**

If you are facing homelessness at the end of a stay in hospital, please get in touch with patient discharge team. They may put you in contact with the Housing Options team at your local council.

On discharge from hospital, your hospital discharge team can put you in contact with a Community Navigator, who can help you access the local services you require to support your needs.

Contact Details:

**Lister Hospital (Stevenage)**

dischargeteam.enh-tr@nhs.net  01438 781511

**QE II Hospital (Welwyn Garden City)**

dischargeteam.enh-tr@nhs.net  01707 369259

**Watford General**

01923 244366

**Shelter** can also provide detailed housing options advice for people leaving hospital.

**Mental Health Needs**

**Herts Adult Community Mental Health Services** can help you access a wide range of support services, and may be able to refer you to a supported housing scheme, depending on your circumstances.

**Cherry Tree Housing Association** provide supported accommodation for tenants with mental illness or disability, encouraging independent living wherever possible.

**Turning Point** offers advice to people with complex mental health needs on how to achieve their personal goals.

0207 481 7600

**Mind** are a national advice service for people struggling with mental illness. They offer support and legal advice for issues relating to mental illness. They have a local office in St Albans, located on Hatfield Road

info@mind.org.uk  0300 123 3393

housing.options@stalbans.gov.uk