

How do I find a property?

Visit estate agents in person

It is important to represent yourself and speak to agents to maximise the chance of securing a tenancy.

Focus on your strengths such as your willingness or ability to move quickly, references from past landlords, ongoing assistance from the Accommodation Liaison Officer by participating in the Tenancy Bond/Deposit Scheme.

Visit property websites like Rightmove

This will show what properties are available in the area where you wish to move, and if the prices are too expensive you can search to find areas which may be more affordable.

Check local newspapers and notice boards at supermarkets and corner shops

Rooms in houses and private tenancies are likely to be advertised here.

Check other websites such as 'Gumtree'

Many landlords who are not advertising through an agent will advertise their properties on this kind of website.

Register with websites that match tenants and landlords

Websites such as 'Spare Room' offer a service to match tenants, landlords and house shares.

Ask family and friends who rent privately if their landlords have any vacancies

DO NOT pay for any of these services

DO NOT sign any agreements or pay a 'holding fee' before discussing the property with us.

Make sure that the rent is affordable.

DO take account the Local Housing Allowance

Check all paperwork you are given and get legal advice if you are unsure

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