Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Housing Options for Older People
In Stoke-on-Trent
2018
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Increasing the supply of good quality affordable homes for older people continues to be a priority for Stoke-on-Trent City Council.

To make sure any new housing is tailored to the needs, preferences and aspirations of local residents we have spent a lot of time asking people about the type of home they want to live in and the reasons why they want to move.

The key thing we have learned is that there isn’t a ‘One size fits all’ approach; What we know is that people consider moving home for a wide variety of reasons and have very clear and different preferences about where they want to live.

Some people want the privacy of a bungalow in a quiet cul-de-sac, others want the vibrant lifestyle of living in an extra care scheme and some people want help and assistance to stay where they are.

Whether you want to move home now or you’re just curious about what’s out there, this guide explains the different options available to help you make the right choice to suit your lifestyle, needs and preferences.

What is a Social Landlord?

The housing options described in this booklet are all provided by social landlords, this is the term used to describe local authority housing providers and Housing Associations (also referred to as Registered Social Landlords or Registered Providers). Social landlords let their properties at a price which is below private sector market rents, they accept housing benefit and are “not for profit” organisations. This means that the money generated by the rent is used to develop and improve homes and services for local people.

The Different Housing Options

This guide includes details of all the older people’s housing schemes in Stoke-on-Trent which have been listed under four different categories according to the level of support and the type of facilities they offer. The different categories are:

- **Age Exclusive Housing** (designated for older people but there are no support services).
- **Alarm only Sheltered Housing**
- **Supported Sheltered Housing** (with an on-site or visiting scheme manager).
- **Extra Care Scheme with care service provided**
How to apply for Social Housing in Stoke-on-Trent

If you are interested in any of the housing options described in this booklet the best place to start is by contacting the Housing Solutions Service at Stoke-on-Trent City Council. A Housing Needs Officer will discuss your housing circumstances with you and explain the choice of housing options available. We can also register you on the council’s Housing Register (the waiting list) and carry out a housing needs assessment, this will establish the size and type of accommodation that you are eligible for and determine your level of priority.

Most housing associations have nomination agreements in place for their sheltered housing and extra care schemes. This means that they contact the council when they have a vacancy and ask for a list of suitable applicants from our Housing Register. If you are interested in a Housing Association scheme you should contact them directly to see if they also keep a waiting list of applicants.

It is important to think about what specific care or support needs you may have. This will help to ensure that you choose the most suitable scheme for you.

This guide lists all the older people’s housing schemes in Stoke-on-Trent and includes details about how to apply. If you are interested in a particular scheme, you can contact the housing provider directly. They can provide you with more information and arrange for you to visit the scheme. You may also need to register on the City Council’s Housing Register to be considered for any vacancy with the provider.

To contact the Housing Solutions Team:

Tel: 01782 233696
E-mail: housing.adviceservices@stoke.gov.uk
Bungalows for social rent are available in most areas of the city, Stoke-on-Trent city council own and manage around 3,500 bungalows, most of which are one bedroom homes, offering a more manageable space for households looking to downsize. There are a limited number of two and three bedroom bungalows available, and a strict eligibility criteria is in place to ensure larger households, and those with special requirements, are given priority when these properties become vacant.

Bungalows are usually designed in clusters, to create quiet communities with good access to shops and amenities. For those who want some additional security there are also some gated bungalow complexes in a number of locations.

A lot of the council’s bungalows are suitable for-or already have adaptations that may help if you have mobility needs. Following an occupational therapy assessment, we’ll try and match you to a property with appropriate adaptations such as level access showers, grab rails and ramps.

Housing Associations also offer bungalow accommodation. They sometimes offer their new build bungalows for shared ownership which means that you can purchase up to 75% of the bungalow and rent the remainder. This means that you can retain some equity in your home while the landlord is responsible for general repairs and maintenance.

Local Housing Association bungalows are listed in the directory in the section on Age Exclusive housing.
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Age Exclusive Housing (No Support Provided)

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Costs at August 2018 (prices may be subject to change)
Sheltered Housing

Sheltered housing refers to groups of bungalows or flats, with their own kitchen, bathroom and front door with some support provided on site. The facilities and the level of support will vary between schemes, so it is worth looking at a few schemes before making a decision about which one is right for you.

Typical benefits of sheltered accommodation include:

- Living in a community of older people
- The security of living in a complex of flats, or bungalows, with features such as a door entry system and CCTV.
- Residents’ lounge
- Shared laundry room
- Guest flat for overnight visitors
- Level access throughout
- Events and social activities available to prevent social isolation

There are two types of sheltered accommodation offering different levels of support.

**Alarm only Sheltered Housing (Category 1)**
Each flat or bungalow has an alarm system linked to a central control center for help in an emergency.

**Supported Sheltered Housing (Category 2)**
In addition to an alarm system there will be a scheme manager on site (usually during office hours), or alternatively, a visiting scheme manager. The scheme manager will provide support to help people live independently; they will assist with filling in forms, accessing services and co-ordinating any repairs. The scheme manager will also organise activities for residents such as coffee mornings and day trips.

There are 6 sheltered housing schemes in the city which are owned by Stoke-on-Trent City Council and 17 schemes owned by housing associations.

The sheltered housing schemes in Stoke-on-Trent are listed on the following pages.

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Upcoming Developments for 2019

What the new flats will look like at Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Court in Fenton

Work is under way on an £8.7 million redevelopment project to improve facilities at a sheltered housing scheme in Stoke-on-Trent.

Accommodation at Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Court in Fenton has been targeted for improvements through Stoke-on-Trent City Council’s older people’s housing strategy Age Friendly Homes.

The current 33-unit scheme is being demolished, to be replaced with 57 sheltered apartments with communal facilities.

The scheme is expected to complete by early summer 2019.
## Alarm only Sheltered Housing (Cat 1)

(*55+ if in receipt of disability benefits*)

Scheme contact details can be found on page 20

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**Supported Sheltered Housing (Cat 2)**

(*55+ if in receipt of disability benefits*)

Scheme contact details can be found on page 20

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Costs at August 2018 (prices may be subject to change)
**Extra Care Schemes**

Extra Care schemes offer the same benefits as sheltered accommodation with enhanced facilities. Residents live in their own self-contained flat, within a purpose built development (most schemes comprise of about 100 flats). The benefits of living in an Extra Care Scheme include:

- Communal facilities such as a restaurant, café, gym, shop and hair salon complemented by landscaped gardens, meeting spaces and secure facilities
- Design features to allow easy access for people with mobility difficulties or disabilities
- Extra Care Schemes tend to be modern, spacious apartments, often offering a spare bedroom and a balcony or patio space
- Properties may be available to rent or for shared ownership
- Lots of events and activities to get involved in that are organised by residents and scheme manager

**Rent and Service Charges**

In addition to a weekly rent charge, you will also need to pay a service charge which contributes towards the cost of heating and lighting communal areas, as well as any furnishings and equipment within these areas. It also pays for staffing costs, and the cost of a community alarm.

Because there are a lot of communal facilities the service charges at Extra Care Schemes will be more expensive than smaller sheltered housing schemes. Rent and service charges vary for each scheme, for more information you will need to contact the housing provider directly.

For Extra Care Schemes with care services on site you only pay for the amount of care that you need - you may be able to get this partly or fully funded by Stoke-on-Trent City Council, depending on your circumstances.

The Extra Care Schemes in Stoke-on-Trent are listed on the following pages.

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**Extra Care Schemes with Care Services**

Most of the Extra Care Schemes in Stoke-on-Trent also have care and support staff available 24 hours a day - this type of housing is often referred to as ‘Extra Care Housing’.

If you’re a single person or a couple aged 55 or over you will be eligible to live in this type of accommodation, whether you’re fully active and independent or have some care needs.
Extra Care Schemes in Stoke-on-Trent

Costs at August 2018 (prices may be subject to change)
**Baskeyfield House, Middleport**  
Sanctuary Supported Living  
Angels Way, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 3PR

**Staff are based in the building 24 hours a day to provide care and support to residents.**

Built in 2015, Baskeyfield house comprises of 80 one and two bedroom flats. These contemporary apartments are offered for rent or shared ownership.

**Weekly Rent:**  
One bed - £126  
One bed corner - £127.50  
Two bed - £136.97

(Plus £69.44 service and amenities charge)

**Facilities:**  
- Hairdressing salon  
- Landscaped gardens  
- Laundry Room  
- Wheelchair accessible  
- Lift  
- Hobby/Activity rooms

**Contact Details:**  
Website: www.sanctuary-supported-living.co.uk  
Email: Baskeyfield.House@sanctuary-housing.co.uk  
Tel: 01782 958555  
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**Berryhill Village, Berryhill**  
Midland Heart  
Arbourfield Drive, Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 9RJ

**Extra Care scheme with on-site care staff (24/7), non-resident management staff (24/7) and community alarm service.**

Built in 1998 Berryhill Village comprises of 144 one bedroomed and 4 two bedroom flats spread over 2 floors.

**Weekly Rent:**  
One bed - £110.82  
Two bed - £119.34

(Plus £91.93 Service Charge)

**Facilities:**  
- Gym  
- Coffee shop  
- Guest Facilities  
- Bar  
- ICT facilities  
- Hairdressing salon  
- Pets allowed  
- Landscaped gardens  
- Laundry Room

**Contact Details:**  
Website: www.midlandheart.org.uk  
Email: contact@midlandheart.org.uk  
Tel: 01782 204949  
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**Bradeley Village, Bradeley**  
Staffordshire Housing Group  
Brammer Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 7QY

**There are no on-site care services.  
24/7 presence of management team, concierge and security**

Built in 1994 Bradeley Village comprises of 238 flats. A majority are one bedroom with some two and three bedroom flats available. The scheme also offers a small number of bungalows and fully wheelchair accessible homes.

**Weekly Rent:**  
One bed - £132.88

(Service charge included)

**Facilities:**  
- Gym  
- Coffee shop  
- Guest Facilities  
- Bar  
- ICT facilities  
- Hairdressing salon  
- Pets allowed  
- Landscaped gardens  
- Laundry Room  
- Hobby/Activity rooms  
- Communal Lounge  
- 70 car parking spaces  
- Entertainment and social events  
- Games room  
- Shop

**Contact Details:**  
Website: Staffshousing.org.uk  
Email: Mailbox@staffshousing.org.uk  
Tel: 01782 836743  
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### Camoys Court - Cobridge
Midland Heart
Moore Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 2HF

Extra Care scheme with on-site care staff (24/7), non-resident management staff (24/7) and community alarm service.

Built in 1991 Camoys Court is a smaller scheme comprising of 32 one-bedroom apartments, each with a: hallway, living room, kitchen and shower room.

**Weekly Rent:**
- **One bed** - £95.25
- **(Plus £105.32 Service Charge)**

Contact Detail:
- **Website:** [www.midlandheart.org.uk](http://www.midlandheart.org.uk)
- **E-mail:** contact@midlandheart.org.uk
- **Tel:** 01782 838951

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### Maple West - Chell
Sapphire Independent Living
Turnhurst Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 6SB

Extra Care scheme with on-site care staff (24/7), non-resident management staff (24/7) and community alarm service.

Built in 2017 Maple West comprises of 44 spacious one and 96 two-bedroom apartments.

**Weekly Rent:**
- **One bed** - £97.79
- **Two bed** - £104.32
- **(Plus £71.15 Service Charge)**

Contact Detail:
- **Website:** [www.sapphireconsortium.co.uk](http://www.sapphireconsortium.co.uk)
- **E-mail:** maplewest.admin@yourhousing.co.uk
- **Tel:** 01925 592550

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### Oak Priory – Abbey Hulton
Sapphire Independent Living
Castle Grove, Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 8PN

Extra Care scheme with on-site care staff (24/7), non-resident management staff (24/7) and community alarm service.

Built in 2017 Oak Priory features 53 spacious one and 122 two-bedroom apartments set in landscaped gardens within a stunning village design.

**Weekly Rent:**
- **One bed** - £98.33
- **Two bed** - £104.90
- **(Plus £64.66 Service Charge)**

Contact Detail:
- **Website:** [www.sapphireconsortium.co.uk](http://www.sapphireconsortium.co.uk)
- **E-mail:** oakpriory.admin@yourhousinggroup.co.uk
- **Tel:** 0800 6561 0015

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**Facilities**
- Hairdressing salon
- Pets allowed
- Landscaped gardens
- Easy wheelchair access
- Lift
- Hobby/Activity rooms
- Entertainment and social events
- Dining room/Restaurant
- Communal Lounge
- 8 car parking spaces
- Shop
- Laundry Room
- ICT facilities
- Gym
- Coffee shop
- Guest Facilities
- Computer suite
- Hairdressing salon
- Pets allowed
- Landscaped gardens
- Shop
- Wheelchair accessible
- Lift
- Hobby/Activity rooms
- Dining room/Restaurant
- Communal Lounge
- Car parking spaces
- Laundry Room
- Gym
- Guest Facilities
- Spa/Wellbeing Centre
- ICT facilities
- Hairdressing salon
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- Landscaped gardens
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- Entertainment and social events

**Contact Detail**
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**Contact Detail**
- **Website:** [www.sapphireconsortium.co.uk](http://www.sapphireconsortium.co.uk)
- **E-mail:** maplewest.admin@yourhousing.co.uk
- **Tel:** 01925 592550

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- **Website:** [www.sapphireconsortium.co.uk](http://www.sapphireconsortium.co.uk)
- **E-mail:** oakpriory.admin@yourhousinggroup.co.uk
- **Tel:** 0800 6561 0015

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### Rowan Village - Meir
Staffordshire Housing Group
George Avenue, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 6FB

**Housing staff are based in the building 24 hours a day to provide care and support to residents.**

Built in 2008 Rowan Village comprises of 75 two-bed flats.

**Weekly Rent:**
- **Two bed** - £83.83 (Plus £50.55 service Charge)

**Facilities:**
- Gym
- Guest ensuite Facilities
- Hairdressing salon
- Pets allowed
- Landscaped gardens
- Laundry Room
- Communal Lounge
- Games room
- Wheelchair accessible
- 2 Lifts
- Hobby/Activity rooms
- Dining room/Restaurant
- Entertainment and social events
- Conservatory
- 35 Car parking spaces
- Shop

**Contact Detail:**
- **Website:** Staffshousing.org.uk
- **E-mail:** Mailbox@staffshousing.org.uk
- **Tel:** 01782 316092

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### St Dominic’s Court - Hartshill
Midland Heart
Hartshill Rd, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 7SN

**Staff are based in the building 24 hours a day to provide care and support to residents.**

Built in 1991 St Dominic’s Court is a small scheme comprising of 44 one-bed flats.

**Weekly Rent:**
- **One bed** - £115.35 (Plus £105.32 Service Charge)

**Facilities:**
- Hairdressing salon
- Pets allowed
- Landscaped gardens
- Laundry Room
- 13 Car parking spaces
- Hobby/Activity rooms
- Communal Lounge
- Easy wheelchair access
- Lift
- Dining room/Restaurant
- Entertainment and social events

**Contact Detail:**
- **Website:** www.midlandheart.org.uk
- **E-mail:** contact@midlandheart.org.uk
- **Tel:** 0345 60 20 540

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### West End Village - Stoke
Staffordshire Housing Group
London Rd, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 5AB

**24 hours on site care service provided to residents. Housing staff are based in the building from 8.30am-4pm Mon-Fri.**

Built in 1991, West End Village comprises of 112 two-bed flats, all of which have walk in shower facilities.

**Weekly Rent:**
- **Two bed** - £92.75 (Plus £41.29 Service Charge)

**Facilities:**
- Gym
- Coffee shop
- Guest Facilities
- Bar
- Hairdressing salon
- Pets allowed
- Landscaped gardens
- Laundry Room
- Communal Lounge
- Wheelchair accessible
- 2 Lifts
- Hobby/Activity rooms
- Lift
- Dining room/Restaurant
- Entertainment and social events
- Spa/Wellbeing Centre
- 54 car parking spaces

**Contact Detail:**
- **Website:** Staffshousing.org.uk
- **E-mail:** Mailbox@staffshousing.org.uk
- **Tel:** 01782 848853

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Staff are based in the building 24 hours a day to provide care and support to residents.

Built in 2016 Willow barns is a scheme comprises of 30 one and 45 two-bed flats all of which are built to modern space standards and have a separate kitchen with balcony/patio area.

**Weekly Rent:**
- **One bed** - £100.88
- **Two bed** - £107.67
(Plus £54.37 service charge and £23.95 amenities charge)

### Facilities
- Gym
- Guest Facilities
- Spa/Wellbeing Centre
- ICT facilities
- Hairdressing salon
- Pets allowed
- Landscaped gardens
- Laundry Room
- Wheelchair accessible
- Lift
- Hobby/Activity rooms
- Dining room/Restaurant
- Communal Lounge
- Car parking spaces
- Entertainment and social events

### Contact Details
**Website:** [www.sapphireconsortium.co.uk](http://www.sapphireconsortium.co.uk)
**Email:** willowbarns.admin@yourhousinggroup.co.uk
**Tel:** 01925 593540
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**Midland Heart**
- Berryhill Village - 01782 204949
- St Dominic’s Court - 0345 60 20 540
- Camoy Court - 01782 838951

**Riverside** - 0345 111 000

**Sanctuary Housing** - 0800 131 3348
**Sanctuary Supported Living** - 01782 958555
**Sapphire Independent Living** - 01925 593575
**Staffordshire Housing** - 01782 744533
**Stoke-on-Trent City Council** - 01782 233696
**Teachers Housing Association** - 0207 440 9440
The tables below show the estimated weekly costs of rent, bills and care for three different types of older people’s accommodation.

**Estimated weekly cost for accommodation and bills**

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(*) Based on Band A property £1022.54 per year minus 25% single person discount = £766.91 divided by 52 weeks
(**) Estimated Cost
(***) Under review

**Estimated weekly care costs**

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**Estimates weekly cost for accommodation, bills and care**

| Total £389.95 | Total £363.62 | Total £364.12 |

Cost as at August 2018
Help to Stay Put.....

If you’d rather stay put in your current home there are a range of services available to help you live independently, including support, care and adaptations, as well as home improvement services to help you with repairs and maintenance. This section of the leaflet lists some of the services that are available and includes contact details for more information.

Repairs and Maintenance

Home Improvement Agencies provide services to people living in any type of housing whether you’re a homeowner or you rent your home.

The Home Improvement Agency in Stoke-on-Trent is called “Revival” and this is part of the Staffordshire Housing Group. They provide services to help people maintain the safety and security of their home and to undertake improvements, repairs and maintenance work.

The services they offer include:

- **Handyperson Service** - carrying out small repair jobs like fitting a curtain rail, unblocking a sink and fitting small adaptations like grab rails. Labour is charged at £10 an hour, plus the cost of materials (price correct as of 2018).

- **Home Hazard Checks** - Assessment of your home to identify and rectify any hazards to prevent falls and fires. These fire and safety checks are free but you will need to pay for any materials.

- **Repairs Management** - If you’re feeling overwhelmed at the prospect of making improvements, like replacing a kitchen, bathroom or roof, Revival can manage the process for you from start to finish. They will assess the work that’s required, get quotes from reputable contractors, hire the best contractor for the job, oversee the works and inspect the job once complete. They won’t authorise payment to the contractor until you are 100% satisfied with the work.

- **Decorating and Gardening** - Revival have a panel of contractors who have been vetted for their reputation and standard of work. They can get you a free, no obligation quote for the jobs you need doing.
  
  **Tel:** 0333 014 3389  
  **E-mail:** info@revivalhia.org.uk

Alternatively you can visit the Staffordshire Marketplace for information about repairs and maintenance services across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent:  
**Website:** www.staffordshiremarketplace.co.uk

Safe and Warm Home Grants

If your household has an annual income of £25,000 or less, and one or more of the occupants suffer from a health condition made worse by the cold you may be eligible for a grant to help keep your home warm and lower your fuel bills. We can offer boiler repair/replacement, draught proofing, loft insulation, cavity wall insulation, new windows and doors as well as advice and assistance to help prevent slips trips and falls.

**Telephone:** 01782 235652  
**E-mail:** privatesectorhousing@stoke.gov.uk  
**Website:** www.stoke.gov.uk

Beat the Cold

Beat the cold are a registered charity based in Stoke-on-Trent, offering energy advice and practical help. They may be able to help with insulation and heating improvements. If your health is poor and you’re heating or hot water breaks down, they have a crisis service.

**Tel:** 0800 3892258 or 01782 683813  
**E-mail:** enquiries@beatcold.org.uk  
**Website:** www.beatcold.org.uk
If your home no longer suits your needs because you have a disability or mobility difficulties, you may be able to adapt your home. This might include having a stair lift fitted, getting doorways widened to help wheelchair users or replacing a bath with a walk in shower. Equipment to help you can also be installed such as grab rails, bath boards or bed raisers. There are a number of different ways to get adaptations and equipment installed in your home, depending on your circumstances.

To access adaptations and equipment through Social Services you will need to have an assessment to determine if you are eligible. If you are eligible, equipment to meet your needs will be provided to you free of charge. For larger adaptations you might be eligible for a Disabled Facilities Grant to cover up to £30,000 of the cost - this will be dependent on your income and savings. For more information contact Stoke-on-Trent City Council’s Social Care Contact Centre.

Tel: 0800 5610015  
Email: social.care@stoke.gov.uk  
Website: www.stoke.gov.uk

This website has a number of useful features, applications and tools to provide information on adaptations and equipment. Ask Sara helps individuals to find information and advice on products that will help to assist you with completing daily living tasks. The website includes a daily living aids product showroom which compares the price of products equipment aimed at support independence and wellbeing.

Website: www.carechoices.co.uk

If you are not eligible for support from social services, or if you do not want to go down that route, you can get advice and assistance from the following services.

**Revival Home Improvement Agency**

Revival offer a full adaptations service which includes arranging an assessment with an occupational therapist, drawing up specifications for any work, finding an approved contractor and managing the work.

Tel: 01782 749202  
Email: revival@staffshousing.org.uk  
Website: www.revivalhia.org.uk

The Independent Living Centre is located in Trentham and is run by the City Council in partnership with a social enterprise named Ability Aware. It offers the opportunity to view equipment (ranging from chunky-handled cutlery to bath seats and shower chairs) and adaptations (such as walk-in showers, adapted bathing facilities, stair lifts and ceiling track hoists). The centre is set up like the rooms of a house so that you can try out the equipment in a realistic setting to find out what works best for you. The team at the centre will also support you with advice and information where possible, and you can purchase equipment at a reasonable price. The council’s Occupational Therapist Team can also assess you there (by appointment) to see exactly what equipment would best suit your needs.

If you have a sensory disability the Independent Living Centre has a range of clever equipment to test out including talking watches and vibrating alarm clocks.

Tel: 0845 330 1144  
Email: stoke@abilityaware.com
Community Alarms and Telecare

Lifeline Alarm Service

For extra peace of mind a lifeline system can be installed in your home, this consists of a base unit, which will be set up next to your telephone and an alarm button which can be worn as a pendant or clipped to your waist band.

If you fall, or feel unwell, you just need to push the alarm button and a specially trained advisor from our control centre will contact you via the base unit. If you need help or there is no response the advisor will contact a friend, relative or carer and ask them to visit you. If necessary, they will phone for an ambulance and contact the police. There are also highly trained emergency response officers at the control Centre if you need help to get up after a fall but don’t require an ambulance.

The lifeline service is run by Stoke-on-Trent City Council and costs around 53p a day (£16 per month). For this, you receive the base unit, alarm button, a smoke detector that links to the base unit and 24/7 support from the control centre plus free support from our emergency response service. For an extra 19p per day (£6 per month), you can also have a second pendant which is useful for couples.

(Costs at October 2018, prices may be subject to change).

For more information contact Stoke-on-Trent City Council’s Telecare and Lifeline Service on:

Tel: 01782 234545
Email: telecare@stoke.gov.uk
Website: www.stoke.gov.uk

Telecare (or Assistive Technology)

Assistive Technology involves putting a range of sensors around your home to alert specially trained staff if you’re in need of assistance. Following an assessment we can put together a package of equipment to meet your needs.

The equipment operates through a Lifeline base unit and includes:

- Bed occupancy sensors to alert us if you fall during the night.
- Bogus caller alert buttons at the door, to press if you have any concerns when you answer the door to strangers.
- Smoke, carbon monoxide and gas detectors linked to our control centre who will quickly contact the fire service.
- Sensors to turn on the lights if you get out of bed at night, so you don’t trip over anything in the dark.
- A pill dispenser to help you to take the right medication at the right time and to alert people if you miss important pills.

For more information please contact Stoke-on-Trent City Council’s Telecare and Lifeline Service on:

Tel: 01782 234545
Email: telecare@stoke.gov.uk
Website: www.stoke.gov.uk
Support to live independently

Revival Older People’s Floating Support

This service provides support to people aged 55 and over in their own home, specifically those returning home from hospital, it aims to prevent re-admission to hospital and help people regain their independence.

Tel: 01782 749202
Email: revival@staffshousing.org.uk
Website: www.revivalhia.org.uk

Carelink

Carelink is a telephone befriending service run by Saltbox, a local registered charity. If you’re over 50 and would enjoy a regular chat on the phone with a friendly volunteers each week, alongside support from experienced staff please get in touch on 01782 265651. The service operates 365 days a year and makes around 25,000 calls a year - why not join in?

Tel: 01782 265651
Email: carelink@saltbox.org.uk
Website: www.saltbox.org.uk/carelink

Help at Home Service

Shop and clean is a service run by Age UK North Staffs, they can provide assistance with shopping, collecting prescriptions, general cleaning, doing the laundry, doing the ironing and bigger jobs like cleaning windows. The service is charged at an hourly rate and doesn’t require an assessment from social services.

Tel: 01782 827923
Email: shopandclean@ageuknorthstaffs.org.uk
Website: www.ageuk.org.uk/northstaffs

Home Care/Domiciliary Care

Home care is sometimes referred to as “domiciliary care” or “home help”. It is when care workers visit people in their own homes to give them help and support. Care workers can help with your personal care needs, such as washing and getting dressed and practical tasks such as preparing simple snacks or frozen meals.

To access care services through the city council you will require an assessment, one of our assessors will visit you to discuss your need. After they have talked to you and anyone else involved, we will be able to decide if we can offer you support. We can only help people who are most in need.

If the assessment shows that you do not qualify for home care, we will give you a list of independent agencies or voluntary organisations that provide practical care in people's homes. All these agencies will meet our quality standards; you will then be able to contact them directly if you wish. For more information please contact Stoke-on-Trent City Council’s Social Care Contact Centre.

Tel: 0800 5610015
Email: social.care@stoke.gov.uk
Website: www.stoke.gov.uk

Voices

Voices are a lottery funded local charity for people whose lives have been seriously affected by events and conditions over a prolonged period. They may present frequently at emergency health care facilities, drug and alcohol services, homelessness or mental health services. Each customer is allocated a Service Coordinator. Our coordinator works with existing professionals involved in the person’s support.

Tel: 01782 450760
Website: www.voicesofstoke.org.uk
Address: Federation House, Station Road, Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire, ST4 2SA
Age UK

Age UK provide information, advice and support to people over 50. They can give you impartial advice on a range of issues and if they can’t help they’ll put you in touch with someone who can. Age UK North Staffs also run a number of activities and events that you can get involved in including computer sessions, gardening circles, craft/art groups and walking groups.

Tel: 01782 286209    Email: info@ageuknorthstaffs.org.uk
Website: www.ageuk.org.uk/northstaffs

North Staffs Carers Association

North Staffs Carers Association offers emotional support, information and advice to informal carers of all ages in North Staffordshire through the provision of free and confidential support services.

Tel: 01782 793100    Website: www.carersfirst.com

Citizens Advice Bureau

CAB provide a holistic advice service which includes advice regarding benefit entitlement, making claims, dealing with disputes, dealing with debts, housing issues and legal advice.

Tel: 08444 111 444    Website: www.stoke-cab.org.uk/

Elderly Accommodation Counsel

EAC is a national charity set up to help older people make informed choices about their health and care needs. They operate FirstStop, a free phone telephone advice line for older people and their families. The EAC also operate an online directory of housing schemes and services which you can search by area or postcode, to find out what’s available near you.

Tel: 0800 377 7070    Email: info@firststopadvice.org.uk
Website: www.housingcare.org.uk
Financial Advice and Support

Chatter Box North Staffs

This web site has been created by the Financial Inclusion Group for North Staffordshire. It aims to provide information, facilities, advice, and support to enable local people to manage/maximise their money and take control of their finances and financial choices.

Website: www.chatterboxns.com

Money Advice Service

This is a free and impartial money advice service set up by government. They offer advice and guidance on how to help improve your finances as well as tools and calculators to help keep track and plan ahead. Support is available in person, over the phone and online.

Tel: 0800 138 7777
Website: www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk
Webchat: Available Online
Email: enquiries@moneyadviceservice.org.uk
Housing, Health and Care Advice

**Revival**

Revival Home Improvement Agency and is available to people aged over 55 living in North Staffordshire. They provide free confidential advice and support to help people to continue to live independently whether you want to stay where you are or move somewhere new.

Tel: 01782 749202  
Website: [www.revivalhia.org.uk](http://www.revivalhia.org.uk)  
Email: revival@staffshousing.org.uk

**Care Choices**

Care Choices website provides information and advice on all matters relating to care, support, housing, benefits and health.

Tel: 01223 207770  
Website: [www.carechoices.co.uk](http://www.carechoices.co.uk)  
General contact forms can also be found on care choices website.

**Emmaus Furniture Mine**

Furniture Mine is Staffordshire's leading furniture re-use charity that helps families set up home through low cost second hand furniture and council referrals. They offer key items of furniture needed to create a home such as beds, wardrobes, sofas and chairs. They also offer a collection of unwanted furniture service which is free of charge.

If you have unwanted furniture that you wish to donate, simply contact them on 01782 846111 to arrange a suitable collection date. Alternatively if you wish to browse their current range you can either visit their warehouse or shop (details listed below).

**Boutique Shop** - 23 Bridge Street, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2RY  
Tel: 01782 616043

**Warehouse & Main Shop** – Victoria Street, Hanley, Staffordshire, ST1 4QA  
Tel: 01782 846111

Website: [www.furnituremine.emmauspotteries.org.uk](http://www.furnituremine.emmauspotteries.org.uk)
Stoke-on-Trent Public Access Mapping Service

~ Stoke Society Map ~

Stoke-on-Trent City Council’s Public Access Mapping Service provides up to date and accurate information relating to various aspects of society, education, transport, towns, political boundaries and leisure/activities.

To view the map relating to Housing Options for Older People please use link below:
http://wml.io/k5

To view the general map, follow the link below:

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