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Moving on

We hope that you will be happy in your home, and that it will continue to suit your needs for many years to come. However if your circumstances change and you need or want to move, we can help you to explore other options.

Transferring to another Margaret Blackwood property

If you want to move to another Margaret Blackwood home, you will need to complete a housing application form to get yourself registered on our housing list.

Contact the Housing Services team for more information about our Allocations and Transfer policy and to request an application form.

We operate a points system to determine who is most in need. Your housing officer can explain how your points have been worked out and if you are likely to qualify for a transfer.

Applying to other landlords

The Housing Services team can give you advice about the systems for applying to other landlords in the area to which you want to move.

Mutual exchange - HomeSwap

You have the right to exchange your home with another tenant. You can exchange with another Margaret Blackwood tenant from any part of the country, or a

tenant of another housing association or local authority. You must get the permission of the other landlord as well as our permission, which we can refuse in certain circumstances.

For more information about mutual exchange, contact your housing officer for advice about how to go about this, and to find out any conditions which may apply to your property.

Low cost home ownership

In most areas there are a number of Government sponsored low cost home ownership schemes, many of them run by housing associations. These include:

- shared ownership, where you part-rent, and part-buy your home;
- shared equity, where you get an interest-free 'equity' loan for part of the purchase price but do not have to pay this back until you move and sell the house or die.

You have to meet certain conditions to qualify for these schemes. Exceptions to some of the conditions are made for disabled people or families with a disabled person.

If you are interested in knowing more, contact the Housing Services team, who will direct you to locally relevant information.





Ending your tenancy and moving out

If you decide to leave your property, please contact us as soon as possible to discuss this.

You must comply with the conditions that are set out in your Tenancy Agreement.

Important points to remember are:

- you must give us 28 days written notice of your intention to leave;
- you must return all the keys;
- you must leave the property in good condition, removing all your belongings and making sure everyone moves out;
- if you leave any of your belongings behind, we will remove them and will charge you for the removal and disposal.