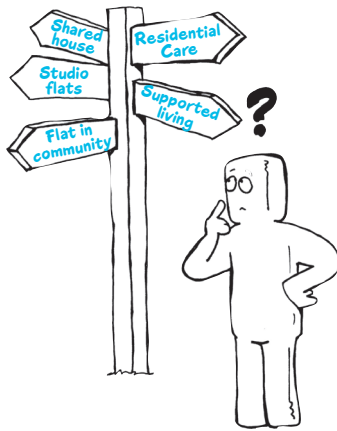


Supported Living



What is it and who is it for?

Supported living is where an individual lives in a house or flat owned by a Registered Social Landlord, Private Landlord or Housing Association as their tenant. Supported living means that you are supported to live in the way you want. The support is built around you rather than you fitting in to a service.

Supported living is available for anyone with a disability who would like to live independently in the community. At Regard we provide services for people with a Learning Disability and for some people with Mental Health needs.

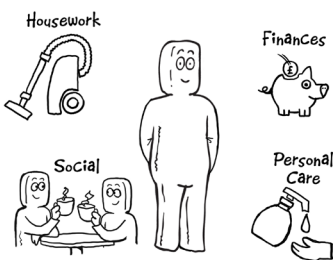
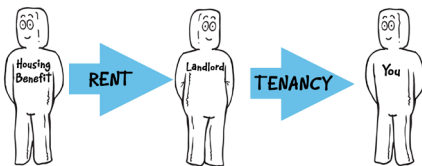


How does it work?

The Local Authority or Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) assesses who is eligible to receive funding for support based on their needs. An individual or funding authority can then approach an organisation to ask them if they could provide the support needed.

Who pays the rent?

Your housing benefit pays for the rent. You will have a secure tenancy with the landlord.



What levels of support can be provided?

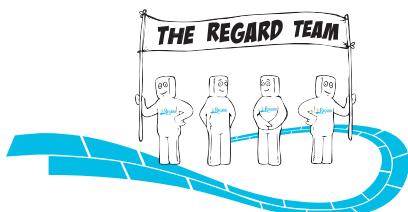
The level of support will be tailored to your individual needs but is usually available for 24 hours a day. You can be supported to look after your home, managed your finances and with your personal care as well as social and leisure activities. Our staff team will support you to live as independently as possible in all aspects of your life.

What do we provide?

We provide support to individuals living in shared supported living, individual flats and also as an outreach package for people who live even more independently in the community. We will complete a detailed assessment in order to establish how the support will work for you and how we can help you to develop independent living skills.

What is the next step?

If you have an Individual Budget or Direct Payment then you can make the request for the support yourself. If the funding comes directly from your local authority they can make the referral for you. We are open about costs and can involve you every step of the way.



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Success Story: 'Dreams do come true'



Shaun recently moved into our new Blue Cottage supported living service in Kent. Shaun's Mum, Pat was delighted when, shortly after moving in, he said 'Dreams do come true mum! I'm at last in the right place. I've waited all my life for this.' Pat was delighted: 'I've never heard him say anything like this before. He's so happy and sounds very contented'.

Shaun previously lived at our Berkeley House residential service where staff helped him to develop the skills to become more independent. Pat recalled 'He's never forgotten (and nor have I), the first time we met you (Berkeley House Team) in Bournemouth and you said to him during that afternoon 'we will never give up on you Shaun' and you haven't! It was an overwhelming thing for him to hear and you couldn't have known how very important that was to him. He quoted you for months after, when he was feeling unsettled or he'd done something that he wasn't happy with himself about: 'they'll never give up on me'. I look forward to the next chapter Shaun is about to embark on and already see there's a team of committed people who will care for him, as he continues into Blue Cottage with Amanda and the team.'

Shaun added 'I have made so much progress in my time here and I could not have done it without the very inspirational staff of Berkeley house. Thanks to them, I am now moving into a supported living home where I can get independent skills and look forward to a new chapter of my life. Berkeley house will live in my memories for the rest of my life. Thanks guys!'

Residential Care v Supported Living

If you choose to live in one of our supported living services you may be entitled to more benefits than you would receive in a residential service.

However your personal expenditure may higher as you will have to pay for your own living costs such as food and travel.

	Per week average figures	
	Residential	Supported Living
Income	£146	£263
Your contribution	£100.15	£75
Utility charge	£0	£15
Money left	£46	£163

Who pays for what?

	Residential	Supported Living
Rent	Included in fee to LA/CCG	Housing Benefit covers
Utilities	Included in fee to LA/CCG	Individual pays as above
Food	Included in fee to LA/CCG	Individual pays
Transport	Included in fee to LA/CCG	Individual pays

Supported living gives you the chance to live more independently and make more of your own choices.



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