

## **Suffering a mental illness or impairment and threatened with homelessness**

Newark and Sherwood District Council's Housing Options service will ensure early identification of any housing issues to hopefully prevent you from becoming homeless. This will be achieved through partnership and multi-agency working to prevent you from becoming homeless, through the necessary support intervention you may require.

On the basis that you are suffering from a mental illness or impairment this council could well accept that you are vulnerable and therefore in "priority need" for accommodation. This will be determined by your personal circumstances.

Newark and Sherwood District Council will continuously review the advice and advocacy services available to you, and develop outreach support services according to your needs through the Personal Housing Plan that will be completed in partnership with you and potentially your advocate.

Newark and Sherwood District Council's Housing Solutions service will attempt to provide you with access to main stream healthcare services.

Front-line Officers within the Housing Options service with structured mental health training, support and supervision, with access to advice and guidance from specialist services, will provide more in-depth support to you.

Newark and Sherwood Homes housing allocation scheme works effectively for homeless people with mental health problems and complex needs to ensure appropriate accommodation is provided to applicants.

If you need housing advice assistance and support with your housing needs, please contact Newark and Sherwood District Council's Housing Options service.

For more information on the council's work in this area please access information on the Council's web site at <http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/housing/>