

Moving property

This resource is designed to be used by Community Sponsorship Groups who are supporting a family who wish to move out of area. It outlines things to think about what needs to be in place to ensure a successful move. We've made this available in Arabic so it could be passed directly to the family you support to assist their research.

Property	
How will you find somewhere to live, ensuring it is affordable and suitable for your family to live in?	
What security of tenancy will you have in the property?	<i>Think here about the tenancy agreement you will be signing – how long is it for? What are the conditions you are agreeing to?</i>
Deposit	<i>Are you being asked to pay a deposit? How will this be kept? How much will it be? Are you able to budget for this?</i>
Current Property	
Notice Period/Breaking a lease	<i>Do you have a notice period for your current property that you must give to the landlord? When would you be able to break your tenancy? Will breaking this early have an impact or penalty?</i>

Inventory	<i>Are you clear on which items in your current property you can take and what you need to leave?</i>
Rent Arrears	<i>Do you have any rent arrears? If so, how and when do these need to be paid back?</i>
Outstanding bills	<i>What utility bills are you responsible for? Do you need to give notice on these? Will there be balances to pay? Will you need to notify other providers and the local authority for your Council Tax?</i>
Moving	
How will you move to the new property?	<i>Will you need to hire a removal van? What are the costs for this? How will you pay for these?</i>

Getting started in your new area <p>This list is not exhaustive and only outlines some of the things to think about for when you move to a new area. It's important to explore whether you are able to carry out registrations in advance or after your move.</p>	
Benefits	
Find the nearest Job Centre to your new property	
Notify your existing benefits office of your move	
Ensure any additional benefits you receive (e.g. Child Benefit) are transferred to your new address	

Healthcare	
Find the GP nearest to your new property	
Find out the registration process for your new GP	
Find a dentist in your new area	
Transfer notes and prescriptions to a new optician if necessary	
Education/Training	
Find out the school enrolment procedure in your new area	
If your children are eligible for free school meals, transport or uniforms currently, find out how to transfer these over to the new school if available	
Research ESOL or training classes locally if required	
House & Address	
Research utility providers in your new area	
Register for Council Tax	
Change address details for banks, service providers	
Report change of circumstance for BRPs to Home Office	
Other	