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RENTING YOUR OWN PLACE RESEARCH

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MEET OUR TEAM





HANDS UP:

- Who has rented their own place?
- Who has supported people to rent?



ABOUT OUR RESEARCH

We tried to find out:

1. What's going on for people with learning disabilities who rent their own home?
2. What support is there?
3. What needs to get better?



How did we find this out?:

1. We spoke to 35 people renting their own home
2. We asked people to complete some booklets about their homes (and take photos)
3. We looked at what people had said and made recommendations



1. Your Front Door.



Use this space to tell us more about your front door.



What is your front door like? Take a photo and stick it here.

My door does not block out any sound when people are walking and talking in the communal area.

My neighbours are noisy especially early in the morning. They sound like elephants also they Hoover at silly hours. It's very complicated to go through the process of complaining.

Friends, family and post. And I definitely don't answer to cold callers.



What are your neighbours like?



Who knocks on it?

8. My advice to others.



Use this space to tell us what advice you would give to others about renting your own home.



What advice would you give to others about renting your own home. Take a photo and stick it here.

For certain repairs I have to call up several times and argue my case as they want to save money and don't care about the tenant. My advice is to be consistent and fight for it.



What would you say?



What did
we find
out?

We found:



- Most of the people we spoke to liked renting.
- They were settled in their home, could afford their rent and were good tenants.

We found:



- Most people did not get much choice when they moved to the place they rent.

We found:



- Most people lived in good quality housing
BUT
- Some people needed housing to be adapted to meet their needs and some needed repairs

We found:

- It was very important to people that their home was close to friends or family, transport and shops.
- AND that it was a safe neighbourhood.



We found:



- When people had paid support from social care it was often working well
- BUT people said it could be more person centred

We found:



- Lots of other places help with renting like self-advocacy groups and employers
- Some people wanted more support



Any
questions?

What would you
tell a friend who
wanted to rent?



RENTING RECOMMENDATIONS



- Choice
- Support
- Good quality housing
- Good location
- Affordable

RENTING RECOMMENDATIONS



- Information
- Secure
- Involved
- Adapted
- Reasonable adjustments



THANK
YOU FOR
LISTENING