

Housing

Housing issues can stem from a number of reasons. There could be debt management and financial issues, or perhaps homelessness has been caused by the break-up of a relationship with your parents or spouse. Maybe the issue is with the quality of the house you are living in. Whatever the reasons, not having secure, appropriate accommodation can lead to additional stress and anxiety which can in turn impact your relationships with partners, children, friends and family and perhaps on your ability to focus at work. The important thing to remember is that you are not on your own and there is a variety of support available to you.

The following are some organisations that may be able to help you.

Shelter

The housing and homeless charity provide free advice on homelessness, mortgage/rent problems, tenancy queries, landlord/tenant disputes, court action for possession, housing benefit problems. Several drop-in advice sessions are available for people living in Bristol and South Gloucestershire. Please phone for details.

Tel: 0344 515 1414 **Emergency Tel:** 0808 800 4444 open 8am – 8pm Mon-Fri 8am – 5pm weekends.

Bristol: Bristol Housing Aid Centre, 1st Floor, Kenham House, Wilder Street, Bristol, BS2 8PD

South Glous: Callicrost House, Rodway Road, Patchway, Bristol, BS34 5DQ

Avon and Bristol Law Centre –

The centre provides advice for tenants with problems including rent arrears, disrepair, eviction / repossession, homelessness, un returned deposits, illegal eviction / harassment. Cover Bristol, BANES, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset.

Web: <http://www.avonandbristolawcentre.org.uk/housing.html>

Email: mail@abl.org.uk

Tel: 0117 9167730

If you require somewhere to stay immediately there are a number of places within Bristol that can provide emergency accommodation, but they usually require referrals. The best place for you to contact in regards to housing issues within Bristol is **The Hub** based in St Pauls. They will be able to arrange referrals and offer advice. Their details are below.

The Hub

An advice centre in St Pauls in Bristol providing housing advice and referrals to external agencies.

Tel: 0117 9141188