



Moving to another home – your options

As a Newlon resident, if you want to move to another social housing home the best option is to consider an exchange with another resident. An exchange is not limited to Newlon properties, you can swap with social housing residents nationally, including those living in local authority homes. As well as Newlon's own mutual exchange scheme, which is for our residents looking to swap with each other, there are a number of national exchange schemes and you can find details of these below.

Newlon has homes across north and east London, so if you are considering an exchange you might be surprised by the range of homes and areas available.

Mutual exchange

Mutual exchange allows you to swap homes with another Newlon resident or a resident from another housing association or local authority. It is available to residents who have a secure, assured, or five year fixed term tenancy.

First you need to find another tenant who wants to swap.

To find another Newlon tenant who wants to swap their home you can read our quarterly Mutual Exchange Board, which contains an up to date list of other Newlon tenants looking to move home. This is distributed with our newsletters but you can also download it on our website at www.newlon.org.uk/publications/mutual-exchange. To advertise your property in this leaflet please call the Service Centre on **020 7613 8080** or email customerservice@newlon.org.uk.

Alternatively, you can try **HomeSwapper**, which is the largest organisation for social housing residents wishing to swap homes. Thousands of people join every month to move locally or across the UK. HomeSwapper makes daily checks for new swaps and you can log on anytime to view them. It can also send you 'match alerts' to ensure that you don't miss out on your ideal home. If you are interested in a swap you can contact the other resident and arrange to view each other's properties. We have partnered with Home Swapper, so it is free for Newlon residents to use. You can join by registering at www.homeswapper.co.uk.

Other options for moving home

Housing Moves is the Mayor of London's housing mobility scheme which is now **limited to victims/survivors of domestic abuse** who are current social housing tenants and former rough sleepers moving on from Clearing House accommodation. Tenants who need to move due to domestic abuse should be referred to the Pan-London Housing Reciprocal scheme where they will be supported to register on the refocused Housing Moves scheme.

Seaside & Country Homes is a scheme for tenants aged 60 or older. The scheme helps around 150 households to move from London each year to bungalows or flats in desirable seaside and countryside locations. Learn more about it and the full eligibility criteria at www.london.gov.uk/seaside.

Contact your local authority

You can also try contacting your local council, as they may be able to offer advice or assistance in finding you a suitable home.

Shared Ownership

Depending on your circumstances you could consider the possibility of becoming a homeowner through Shared Ownership if you want to move home. Newlon and a wide range of other housing associations provide homes for low cost homeownership designed to help people on lower to middle incomes take a first step on the property ladder. You can find out more about Shared Ownership at www.newlon.org.uk/finding-home/shared-ownership.

You can also find Shared Ownership homes which are available in London via the Homes for Londoners search tool: www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/housing-and-land/homes-londoners/search.

A wide range of information for residents considering a move can be found on our website www.newlon.org.uk.

If you would like this information in large print, audio, Braille, any other language or format, please ask a member of staff.

Newlon Housing Trust, Newlon House, 4 Daneland Walk, Hale Village, London, N17 9FE.
Tel: **020 7613 8080** (Phone calls may be recorded for training and quality purposes.)

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