

Gaddum ... Carers

Hi, I'm Gaddum.

Let's talk about Housing...

Suitable housing is a basic right and, as a carer, having the best type of housing both for you and the person you're supporting is really important. Gaddum is here to support you to find the right help when it comes to housing.

Help with repairs and home improvements

Salford's Home Improvement and Assistance service offers support to older and vulnerable people to help them remain living independently in their own home. They also offer assistance to home owners and tenants alike where there is a need to find a more suitable place to live. The service may also be able to help make homes more energy efficient by installing insulation or repairing boilers and radiators. Gaddum can help you to make a referral to Salford HIA...

Salford Helping Hands is a handyperson scheme run on behalf of Salford City Council. Offering free property maintenance checks, home repairs or work done at discounted rate, they can also step in and help if you have no heating, hot water or electricity in your home.

From improving home security to building flat pack furniture and pretty much everything in between, you can contact them on 0161 793 9419. If they aren't able to help, they can put you in touch with somebody who can. [Click here](#) for more information.

Sheltered Accommodation

Sheltered accommodation is available to those aged 55 and over who might benefit from some extra support, but still want to live independently. This type of accommodation can provide social opportunities in the form of regular communal activities, support and security.

Facilities within each sheltered accommodation scheme can vary, but most usually include a communal lounge, a place to do laundry and access to gardens. Individual landlords will be able to give information at what's available at each scheme.

Sheltered Accommodation is usually listed on Salford Home Search.

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Extra Care Housing

Extra Care housing schemes are self-contained homes within a larger communal building or scheme. These schemes allow people with extra care and support needs to carry on living independently, but with the benefit of on-site flexible support and the security of a 24/7 emergency response from staff. You will have a financial assessment to work out how much Extra Care housing costs and to see what help might be available from the council to help you with the charges.

How to apply for Extra Care Housing

You must be a resident of Salford and have care and support needs. To apply for Extra Care Housing, you will need to speak with the Adult Social Care Contact Team on 0161 631 4777, who will have a chat with you and, if appropriate, arrange an assessment for you.

Salford Housing Options Point (SHOP)

In Salford, Salford Housing Options Point or SHOP as it's known locally, offers personalised help and advice on most housing and housing related issues such as:

- Housing options and advice,
- Help with finding a new home and using Salford Home Search,
- Help if you are in arrears with your mortgage or rent.

They could also step in to help with things like disputes with your landlord around disrepair, renting from a Private Landlord using Salford's Rental Bond Scheme, accessing support to help maintain your tenancy or to access resettlement grants. The service is free, impartial and confidential, with interpreters and signers available.

Salford Home Search

Salford Home Search is an online tool that brings together all of the properties available through social landlords in Salford and allows you to register, express your interest in properties and make amendments to your housing application.

New properties are listed every Wednesday morning and you're able to bid on 3 each week. It's usually a good idea to bid on properties that are listed in the same 'band' you're currently allocated.

Homelessness

If you're at risk of becoming homeless it's important to get help as soon as you can. SHOP have trained officers who can help stop you losing your home or to move to more suitable accommodation. If you are homeless and have nowhere to live today, you can get in touch with SHOP and ask for housing options advice. If you need emergency accommodation outside SHOP's opening hours, contact their out of hours' team on 0161 794 8888.