



Would you like to know more?

If you would like to know more about the service please contact:

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BCM activities in N.I. include

- Supported Housing projects for young people
- Housing Support projects for 16-25 year olds
- Parent Support - providing early intervention through practical and emotional support
- Therapeutic Counselling for young care leavers
- Care in the community for children and their families
- Community based advice and support
- Providing food and toys at Christmas for families and individuals in need
- A support service for children and their families with a diagnosis of autism
- Short breaks for older people
- Residential care for older people
- Housing Support for older people
- Volunteering programme
- BCM Training services
- BCM Room Hire
- Puddleducks Day Nursery

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Supporting those who need it most



BCM Housing Support for Older People

Armagh/Dungannon
Craigavon/South Armagh
and bordering areas

Providing free support to enable people aged **60+** to continue living independently in their own homes

Information on local support for older people

What is BCM Housing Support for Older People?

Housing Support seeks to provide housing related support to older people in their own homes. The service seeks to work in partnership with individuals and help them to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible.

The service is available for up to two years, providing there are continuous housing support needs. If you live in the Armagh, Dungannon or Craigavon area, have your own tenancy, are over 60 and experiencing difficulties within your home, then you may be eligible for housing support.

Is Housing Support for you?

Do you want to remain living independently in the community?

Are you experiencing difficulties with independent living skills?

Do you require assistance to access local services?

Would you like to understand the benefits you are entitled to?

Do you need advice on debt / managing money?

If you can answer **yes** to most of the above then this service may be for you.

Please note, we cannot provide personal care, cleaning, gardening or laundry services

"Thank you for the help and support yourself and your staff have given us, without it we would have been struggling, we really do appreciate all you have done for my sister..."

What can you expect ?

You will find the staff very supportive and sympathetic to your needs. They will support and guide you through the areas where you are experiencing difficulties. These could be practical tasks as well as emotional support, signposting you to the relevant agencies who will be able to address and hopefully resolve any issues which you might be experiencing.

What we will offer you

- Supportive and caring staff
- Respect and independence
- Control over your own life
- Advocacy
- Help to maintain your independence within the community
- Assistance to access health services
- Help with maintenance, safety and security in your own home
- A listening ear



"Thank you so much for all the care and attention you are giving to mum. It is heart warming to know she is in such good hands. All that you do each day is truly appreciated..."

How can I access the service?

A referral can be made by yourself, your social worker or any community based organisation, family member or friend. A referral form can be downloaded from the BCM website or you can make a referral by telephone.

What happens when the referral is made?

A member of the project will meet you in your home to discuss your situation. If the service is appropriate for you, you will be appointed a Support Worker who will work with you to draw up a plan to support you. Together you will decide what support you will receive and how often you will meet. Your progress will be reviewed regularly and you can ask for a review at any time.

Will there be a cost?

This Project is funded by Supporting People and no cost will be incurred by you.



"We both found the service fantastic - very friendly and a great service which we found invaluable to assist with our needs..."