



Thinking of Moving House with Devon Home Choice?

**Make sure you are ready for a move so
you don't miss out on your new home**

Are you registered on Devon Home Choice and wanting to move?

If you are registered on Devon Home Choice to move you will be able to bid on properties either using the Devon Home Choice App or by visiting **www.devonhomechoice.com**. Every week available properties will be advertised for you to place a bid on.

There are far more people seeking social housing homes in Devon than there are homes available. Even if you have been assessed as having a high priority for housing it might take you a long time to find a home.

When you do find something suitable you are likely to be asked to move very quickly, therefore you need to be ready. In order to approve a transfer to another one of our properties you will need to make sure your current home is in a good condition, if its not it is unlikely the move will go ahead.

If you want to move to another home that is not one of our properties, then you will need to make sure your home is up to scratch. Otherwise you are likely to be charged for any costs we incur in putting things right and clearing any belongings that are left at the address.

Don't forget you can also look to swap your home with another social housing tenant using HomeSwapper **www.homeswapper.co.uk**. This is called a mutual exchange which might be quicker and give you more choice than Devon Home Choice.

Am I ready to move?

Please use the checklist below to help ensure you are ready to move before you start bidding on Devon Home Choice:

- ☐ I have the money required to pay advance rent on a new property. Depending on your new landlord it will be a minimum of 2 weeks rent.
- ☐ I do not owe any outstanding money to my current landlord whether this is outstanding rent arrears, court costs or recharges.
- ☐ There is currently no Notice of Seeking Possession or Court order against my tenancy.
- ☐ I can arrange and finance my removals, possibly at short notice.

If you have any queries with regards to what money you may owe Teign Housing please call our Rents Team on **01626 322780**.

Is my home ready for me to move?

We take pride in our homes and we are not able to approve another move to one of our properties if your current home is not in a good condition. It's a good idea to have a look at whether your home is in good condition and, if needed, spend some time putting things right. If you have made changes to your home that have not been approved, you will be expected to put things back as they were when you moved in.

If you move to another housing association property without leaving your home in a good condition and/or you leave belongings including any rubbish behind, you will be re-charged for the cost of us doing the work and clearing and disposing of any items for you. It would be cheaper for you to arrange this work before you move.

If you have any outstanding repairs that are needed to your home please call us on **01626 322722**.