

Case Study

Homelessness & Housing Need

Housing Options: Partnership with Yorkhill Children's Hospital

A Social Worker from Yorkhill Children's Hospital contacted the Homeless Casework Team regarding urgent assistance to relocate a mother and 2 year old son from Aberdeen to Glasgow due to son's specific medical needs which could only be provided by Yorkhill. The son had brain damage, deafness, blindness and renal failure. He is fed through tubes in his stomach and requires dialysis three times per week.

A full housing options interview was carried out to look at housing requirements, the son's medical needs and support needs for both mother and son.

Following a financial assessment, an appointment was made with a Financial Adviser to maximise family income and take account of the son's medical conditions – looking at Carers Allowance and Attendance Allowance.

Housing Associations within a three mile radius of hospital were contacted with specific housing requirements; Queens Cross Housing Association advised that they had new-build properties in the area and would look at this case with a view to assisting.

Through partnership approach with the Social Work Department at Yorkhill, Council Homeless casework Team at North West, Housing Options Project Officer and Queens Cross a new build property was provided for this family which met the needs in full for this family.