



Housing, Advice and Support

Directory of Services

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Many of the providers within this directory offer other services, so please contact them directly for more information.

Address: Housing Services
Torfaen County Borough Council
Civic Centre, Pontypool,
Torfaen,
NP4 6YB

Telephone: 01495 762200

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Housing Services

Housing Advice and Homelessness Prevention

Provider: Torfaen County Borough Council

Address: Civic Centre, Pontypool, NP4 6YB

Services: A housing options officer can give you help and advice with your housing problems and provide you with information about your most suitable options.

Telephone: 01495 762200

Link: www.torfaen.gov.uk

Temporary Accommodation Floating Support (TAFS)

Provider: Torfaen County Borough Council

Address: Civic Centre, Pontypool, NP4 6YB

Services: If you are registered as homeless and living in temporary accommodation, you may be able to get support to help you to manage your accommodation. (You must be referred by a housing options officer)

Telephone: 01495 762200

Link: www.torfaen.gov.uk

Financial Inclusion

Provider: Torfaen County Borough Council

Address: Civic Centre, Pontypool, NP4 6YB

Services: Advice is available on managing your bills and increasing your income through budgeting and debt management. (You must be referred by a housing options officer)

Telephone: 01495 762200

Link: www.torfaen.gov.uk

Solas

Address: 49 George Street, Newport, NP20 2AA

Services: Solas can provide help and accommodation to a wide range of people including those who are currently homeless, young people, adults and families.

Telephone: 01633 664045

Link: www.solas-cymru.co.uk

Solas Bond Scheme

Provider: Solas

Services: If you are homeless, in receipt of benefits or on a low income, then Solas may be able to help you access a private rented property by providing you with a bond guarantee.

Telephone: 01633 644395

Link: www.solas-cymru.co.uk/what-we-do/bond-scheme

Charter Options Private Rentals

Provider: Charter Housing

Address: Exchange House, High Street, Newport, NP20 1AA

Email: info@charteroptions.co.uk

Services: Charter has properties that are available to rent and/or buy (depending on your circumstances), at a lower rent than you would normally pay if you were renting in the private sector.

Telephone: 01633 678545

Link: www.charteroptions.co.uk

Help2Own

Contact: Torfaen County Borough Council

Address: Civic Centre, Pontypool, NP4 6YB

Email: help2own@torfaen.gov.uk

Services: If you cannot afford to buy a property on your own, Help2own can assist you buy one at a discounted rate. To be eligible for this scheme you will need to be working and have access to a mortgage.

Telephone: 01495 762200

Link: www.torfaen.gov.uk

Landlord Services

Melin Leasing

Provider: Melin Homes

Address: Ty'r Efail, Lower Mill Field, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 OXJ

Email: enquiries@melinhomes.co.uk

Services: Melin removes the hassle of renting out your property and guarantees you a rental income. They will also find suitable tenants and undertake internal repairs.

Telephone: 0845 310 1102

Link: www.melinhomes.co.uk

Charter Options Letting Agency

Provider: Charter Housing

Address: Exchange House, High Street, Newport, NP20 1AA

Email: info@charteroptions.co.uk

Services: Charter removes the hassle of renting out and managing your property, guaranteeing rental income and undertaking internal repairs.

(Properties are normally let for a trial period of 6 months)

Telephone: 01633 678545

Link: www.charteroptions.co.uk

Energy Savings Trust Project

Provider: Energy Savings Trust

Services: The Trust provides help and information about any schemes that residents may be able to access to improve the energy efficiency of their property, as well as useful hints and tips for reducing energy bills.

Telephone: 0800 512 012

Link: www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

Regional Landlord Forum

Contact: Torfaen County Borough Council

Services: The forum provides landlords with advice and assistance to improve the private rented sector for tenants and increase business opportunities for landlords. The forum meets four times a year.

Telephone: 01495 762200

Housing Associations & Registered Social Landlords

Bron Afon Community Housing

Address: William Brown Close, Llantarnam Business Park, Cwmbran, NP44 3AB

Email: enquiries@bronafon.org.uk

Telephone: 01633 620 111

Link: www.bronafon.org.uk

Melin Homes

Address: Ty'r Efail, Lower Mill Field, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 OXJ

Email: enquiries@melinhomes.co.uk

Telephone: 0845 310 1102

Link: www.melinhomes.co.uk

Charter Housing

Address: Exchange House High Street Newport, NP20 1AA

Telephone: 01633 212375

Link: www.charterhousing.co.uk

Linc-Cymru

Address: Linc-Cymru Housing Association, 387 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF24 1GG

Email: info@linc-cymru.co.uk

Telephone: 029 2047 3767 (0800 072 0966 Freephone 0300 123 1134 Mobile)

Link: www.linc-cymru.co.uk

Hafod Housing

Address: First Floor, St Hilary Court, Copthorne Way, Cardiff, CF5 6ES

Email: enquiries@hafod.org.uk

Telephone: 02920 675800

Link: www.hafod.org.uk

Support Services

Sometimes living on your own can be difficult and you may need some extra help. This section provides details of organisations that can help.

Torfaen Floating Support (TFS)

Address: Portland Buildings, Commercial Street, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 6JS

Email: TESS@tvawales.org.uk

Telephone: 01495 745166

Link: www.torfaenvoluntaryalliance.org.uk

Torfaen Floating Support offers support through its different providers to people with the following support needs:

- Older Persons
- Learning Disabilities
- Domestic Abuse
- Young Persons
- Substance Misuse
- Mental Health
- Offending Behaviour

TFS Providers:

Hafan Cymru

01495 742121

www.hafancymru.co.uk

Age Concern

01495 769264 or 01495 774455

www.ageconcerntorfaen.org

Gwalia Care & Support

01495 745131

www.gwaliacareandsupport.com

Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent Mind

01495 757393

www.torfaenmind.co.uk

Torfaen Women's Aid

01495 742052

www.torfaenwomensaid.org

Gofal

01495 767935

www.gofalcymru.org.uk

Supported Housing

Prestige

Address: 49 Bridge Street, Usk, Torfaen, NP4 6SQ

Email: precarag@btconnect.com

Services: If you have learning difficulties and are struggling to live independently, Prestige may be able to offer you a place in their group home.

Telephone: 01291 672671

Reach (Supported Living)

Address: REACH (Supported Living) Ltd, 11 Devon Place, Newport, NP20 4NP

Services: If you have learning difficulties, Reach has a range of supported living services to meet your individual needs.

Telephone: 01633 679899

Link: www.reach-support.co.uk

CMIG Limited

Address: 44 Victoria Street, Cwmbran, Torfaen, NP44 3JN

Services: If you suffer with mental health problems, you may be able to receive help from CMIG, who provide floating support and supported accommodation.

Telephone: 01633 877443 or 01633 877718

Home from Home

Address: 18 Poplar Avenue, New Inn, Pontypool, NP4 OEX

Services: If you suffer with mental health problems and are struggling to live independently, Home from Home may be able to offer you a place in their group home.

Tel No: 01495 752331

Torfaen Women's Aid

Address: PO Box 88, Pontypool, NP4 6JE

Email: info@torfaenwomensaid.org.uk

Services: If you are suffering abuse from your partner, Women's Aid may be able to help.

Telephone: (24 Hour Helpline) 01495 742052

Link: www.womensaid.org.uk

Cartrefi Cymru

Address: The Old Surgery, Mill Road, Pontnewydd, Pontypool, NP4 6NG

Email: enquiries@cartreficymru.org

Services: If you have learning difficulties and are struggling to live independently, Cartrefi Cymru may be able to offer you a place in their group home.

Telephone: 01495 751818

Link: www.cartreficymru.org.uk

Cariad Domiciliary Support Services

Address: Unit 21, Torfaen Business Centre, Panteg Way, New Inn, Pontypool, NP4 0LS

Services: If you have learning difficulties and are struggling to live independently, Cariad may be able to offer you a place in their group home.

Telephone: 01495 740700

Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent Mind

Address: 24 George Street, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 6LR

Email: Housing@torfaenmind.co.uk

Services: Supported accommodation is available for adults (18+) who are experiencing mental health problems.

Exclusions: People with substance misuse problems, a history of persistent violence, arson or sex offending, physical care needs, rent arrears and people unable to self-medicate.

Telephone: 01495 768843

Link: www.torfaenmind.co.uk

Supported Living

Provider: Bron Afon

Address: William Brown Close, Llantarnam Industrial Park, Cwmbran, NP44 3AB

Email: supportedliving@bronafofon.org.uk

Services: Bron Afon can provide low level support for Torfaen residents over 55 years of age to help you retain your independence.

Telephone: 0800 111 4242

Link: www.bronafon.org.uk

United Response

Address: Ty Nant Ddu Resource Centre, Hospital Road, Pontnewynydd, NP4 8LE

Services: If you have learning difficulties, floating support is available to support and help you to live independently in the community.

Telephone: 01495 764 231

Link: www.unitedresponse.org.uk

Befriending

Friends for Life

Contact: Befriending Team

Services: If you struggle to get out and about and are feeling lonely and isolated, you may want to join 'Friends for Life', a place where you will be able to meet new people and make new friends.

Telephone: 01495 774455

Floating Support

Gwalia Care & Support

Address: Suite 29, The Woodlands, Mamhilad Park Estate, NP4 0HZ

Services: Floating support for vulnerable people who may have had substance misuse issues, are young or who have a history of offending behaviour.

Telephone: 01495 745131

Link: www.gwaliacareandsupport.com

Torfaen Women's Aid

Address: PO Box 88, Pontypool, NP4 6JE

Email: info@torfaenwomensaid.org.uk

Services: If you are experiencing abuse from your partner, Women's Aid may be able to help you by providing support and assistance.

Exclusions: Men

Telephone: (24 Hour Helpline) 01495 742052

Link: www.womensaid.org.uk

Hafan Cymru

Address: Chrysalis Centre, 4 Town Bridge Buildings, Pontypool, NP4 6JE

Services: If you are a man or a woman experiencing abuse from your partner, Hafan Cymru may be able to provide you with support.

Telephone: 01495 742121

Link: www.hafancymru.co.uk

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Link: www.torfaenmind.co.uk

Gofal

Address: 6 Town Bridge Buildings, Park Road, Pontypool, NP4 6JE

Services: Floating support is available for people who are suffering with mental health problems.

Telephone: 01495 755296

Link: www.gofalcymru.org.uk

Age Concern Torfaen

Address: 12/13 Broad Street, Abersychan, Torfaen, NP4 7BQ

Email: infoandadvice@ageconcerntorfaen.org

Services: Age Concern can provide floating support for older people, to help you retain your independence.

Exclusions: Persons under 50 years of age.

Telephone: 01495 774455

Link: www.ageconcerntorfaen.org

Retirement/Sheltered Accommodation

Bron Afon Community Housing

Address: William Brown Close, Llantarnam Industrial Park, Cwmbran, NP44 3AB

Email: enquiries@bronafofon.org.uk

Telephone: 0800 111 4242

Link: www.bronafon.org.uk

Melin Homes

Address: Ty'r Efail, Lower Mill Field, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 0XJ

Email: enquiries@melinhomes.co.uk

Telephone: 08453 101102

Link: www.melinhomes.co.uk

Linc Cymru

Address: Linc-Cymru Housing Association, 387 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF24 1GG

Email: care&support.service@linc-cymru.co.uk

Telephone: 02920 474721

Link: www.linc-cymru.co.uk

Aelwyd Housing Association

Address: 56-58 Richmond Road, Cardiff, CF24 3ET

Email: enquiries@aelwyd.co.uk

Telephone: 02920 481203

Link: www.aelwyd.co.uk

Adaptations

Telecare and Assistive Technology

Provider: Torfaen County Borough Council

Contact: Customer Care Centre

Services: This is available to people who have a disability or who feel vulnerable, to help them to manage in their home.

Telephone: 01495 762200

Link: www.torfaen.gov.uk

Lifeline Community Alarm

Provider: Bron Afon Community Housing

Services: A 24 hour Lifeline service for older and vulnerable people across Torfaen, which provides peace of mind and security for people to stay in their own home.

Telephone: 0800 111 4242

Link: www.torfaen.gov.uk

Care and Repair

Provider: Melin

Address: Ty'r Felin, Lower Mill Field, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 OXJ

Email: info@crtorfaen.co.uk

Services: A free home improvement and advisory service for older people that helps you to ensure that your home is safe, secure and meets your mobility needs.

Tel No: 01495 745948

Link: www.careandrepair.org.uk

Disabled Facilities Grant

Provider: Torfaen County Borough Council

Email: socialcarecalltorfaen@torfaen.gov.uk

Services: If you are struggling in your home because of a disability, the Council may be able to give you a grant towards the cost of adaptations to make your home more accessible.

Tel No: 01495 762200

Link: www.torfaen.gov.uk

Handy Person Service

Provider: Age Concern

Address: East Avenue, Off Greenhill Road, Sebastopol, Torfaen, NP4 5AB

Email: widdershins@ageconcerntorfaen.org

Services: This service is available to anyone over 50 years of age who lives in Torfaen and requires minor repairs to be carried out in their home. *This is a chargeable service.*

Telephone: 01495 769264

Website: www.ageconcerntorfaen.org

Other Advice and Assistance

Citizens Advice Bureau

Address: Castle Mews, George Street, Pontypool, NP4 6BU

Email: pontypool@torfaencab.org.uk

Services: Free, confidential, independent, quality advice on a wide range of issues including benefits, debts, bankruptcy, repossession, rent arrears and housing.

Tel No: 01495 757421

Link: www.torfaencab.co.uk

Shelter Cymru

Address: 25 Walter Road, Swansea, SA1 5NN

Email: info@sheltercymru.org.uk

Services: If you are worried about losing your home, Shelter can give you free, independent, specialist advice.

Tel No: 0845 075 5005

Link: www.sheltercymru.org.uk

Housing and Council Tax Benefits

Contact: Torfaen County Borough Council

Address: Civic Centre, Pontypool, NP4 6YB

Email: revs&bens@torfaen.gov.uk

Services: If you are on benefits or a low income, you may be able to get help with your rent or Council tax.

Tel No: 01495 766430 or 0800 652 5422

Link: www.torfaen.gov.uk

Housing Debt Helpline Wales

Services: The helpline provides free, independent, advice to people in financial difficulty.

Telephone: 080 107 1340

Link: www.housing-debt-helpline-wales.org

National Debt Line

Services: Free confidential and independent advice on how to deal with debt problems.

Tel No: 0808 808 4000

Link: www.nationaldebtline.co.uk

Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent Mind Services

Day services offer support, advice, information, sympathetic listening, problem solving techniques, therapeutic groups and the opportunity to socialise.

Link: www.torfaenmind.co.uk/dayservices.html

Telephone: 01495 757393 or 01495 311445

Torfaen Voluntary Alliance

Address: Portland Buildings, Commercial Street, Pontypool, NP4 6JS

Services: TVA is the voluntary council for the County Borough of Torfaen, that supports, promotes, develops and represents voluntary and community groups in the county.

Tel No: 01495 742420

Link: <http://www.torfaenvoluntaryalliance.org.uk>

Torfaen County Borough Council Customer Care Centres

Cwmbran 1-2 General Rees Square, Cwmbran, Torfaen, NP44 7NX

Pontypool Civic Centre, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 6YB

Blaenavon Blaenavon World Heritage Centre, Church Road, Blaenavon, Torfaen, NP4 9AS

Telephone: 01495 762200

Torfaen Young People's Support Service TYPSS

Address: Gwent House, Cwmbran Town Centre, Cwmbran, NP44 1XQ

Services: An integrated, one stop provision for young people

Telephone: 01495 762200

Gateway Credit Union

Address: 21 Commercial Street, Pontypool, NP4 6JQ

Email: info@gatewaycu.co.uk

Services: Helps you to save money and allow you to borrow at a reasonable rate of interest.

Link: www.gatewaycu.co.uk

Tel No: 01495 750020

Age Concern Torfaen

Address: East Avenue, Off Greenhill Road, Sebastopol, Torfaen, NP4 5AB

Email: widdershins@ageconcerntorfaen.org

Telephone: 01495 769264

Link: www.ageconcerntorfaen.org

Widdershins Day Centre

Reducing poverty, loneliness and isolation by providing information, activities and increasing independence of the service user.

Accompanied Shopping Service

Available to over 50s, without family support, to assist them to carry out shopping or business transactions. *This is a chargeable service and transport is not provided, but help to access suitable transport will initially be provided.*

Cleaning Service

Available to those who are experiencing difficulties with practical cleaning tasks at home. E.g. vacuuming, washing floors, dusting, ironing, washing up. *This is a chargeable service.*

Community Based Support Service

Support is available to those who are over 50, to enable them to remain independent in their own Homes. A Chargeable hourly rate applies.

Grocery Line

Available to over 50s who are housebound and without family support. Orders are taken over the telephone and are personally delivered to your door on an allocated day. *A charge is payable for this service.*

Energy Efficiency

Nest

Provider: Welsh Government and British Gas

Address: Nest Programme, Innova One, Tredegar Business Park, Tredegar, NP22 3EL

Email: advicewales@est.org.uk

Services: This scheme wants to help you improve the energy efficiency of your home, so that it is warmer and cheaper to heat. You may be eligible for free or reduced price home improvements to your home.

Tel No: 0800 808 2244

Link: nestwales.org.uk

Keep Well this Winter

Provider: Welsh Government and Age Cymru

Address: Ty John Pathy, 13/14 Neptune Court, Vanguard Way, Cardiff, CF24 5PJ

Email: Joanne.bass@agecymru.org.uk

Services: This scheme gives information and support to people over 65, to help them keep well in the winter.

Tel No: 029 2043 1555

Link: www.kwtw.org.uk

Home Heat Helpline

Services: Advises people who are worried about paying their fuel bills and keeping warm during the winter.

Tel No: 0800 33 66 99 (minicom service on 0800 027 2122.)

Link: www.homeheathelpline.org.uk

Further information is also available on our website Torfaen Homes
www.torfaenhomes.co.uk

