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Housing Services **for People with HIV**

• Southwark Council

These pages replace the information on Southwark Housing on pages 61-63 of the handbook "HIV and AIDS - a guide to services for people in Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark".

The information on Southwark on pages 61-63 is unfortunately incorrect and should be ignored. Our apologies for this error.

HOMELESSNESS

People with HIV who are homeless or threatened with homelessness may be able to be housed by the Council. It is Southwark Council policy to consider all people with HIV to have a priority need for housing.

Contact: **HOMELESS PERSONS UNIT**

Address: 25 Bournemouth Road, Peckham SE15 4UJ.

Phone: 071 639 8611 (It is best to phone for an appointment)

Open: Check for opening times. Emergencies out of office hours - phone 071 525 5000

Disabled Access: The Unit has wheelchair access

IF YOU NEED TO MOVE

If your home is no longer suitable, you can apply for rehousing on medical grounds. If needed, you will be able to get a flat without stairs or an extra room for a carer. The same procedures apply for both council and private tenants. In exceptional circumstances, owner occupiers can also be rehoused.

Contact: **NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING OFFICE**
(see Harassment Section below)

HARASSMENT

COUNCIL TENANTS . . .

If you are a council tenant and are being harassed because you have, or are believed to have HIV, contact your Neighbourhood Housing Office. It is Southwark Council policy to take all such cases of harassment seriously - to help tenants remain in their homes if possible or to rehouse them if necessary.

Contact: **NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING OFFICE**

Addresses: available from Southwark Town Hall Information

Phone: 071 525 5000

Open: Phone your Neighbourhood Office for opening times

Disabled Access: phone your Neighbourhood Office for details

PRIVATE TENANTS . . .

Private tenants who are being harassed should contact the Council's Tenancy Relations Service. This offers a limited service to all private tenants who are suffering harassment for whatever reason.

Contact: **TENANCY RELATIONS SERVICE**

Address: Legal Services Department, South House' 30-32 Peckham Road, Camberwell SE5 8UB (the service may move during 1992)

Phone: 071 525 5000

ADAPTATIONS

People with HIV may benefit from adaptations to the home, such as a downstairs toilet, ramp or stair lift. Grants are available to private and council tenants and to owner occupiers and help can be provided with organising the work.

Contact: **THE HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY**

Address: 70 Whateley Road, East Dulwich SE22 9DD (may be moving in 1992)

Phone: 081 299 0487

CONFIDENTIALITY

All information regarding HIV status is treated as strictly confidential. Southwark Council staff will not disclose information without your consent.

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH

Arrangements can be made for interpreters and/or translators in a number of languages. Apply at the relevant office. Please give as much advance notice as possible.

• Southwark Social Work Services

SOUTHWARK HIV/AIDS USERS GROUP . . .

Southwark HIV/AIDS users group is a social group for people living with HIV/AIDS where you can exchange ideas and advice. If you are interested in coming along or want more information, please contact:

David on 071 703 4247 ext 3

Peter on 071 955 5000 ext 5323

or Eddy on 071 701 4281 ext 211

LANDMARK SURGERY

David Slack, Specialist Social Worker is holding a surgery for consultations at The Landmark on Wednesdays between 10am-1pm. Please phone David on 071 703 4247 ext 3, to check the dates on which he is available or book direct with Landmark reception on 081 678 6687.