

Information and Support for Ex-Offenders

Crisis Accommodation

If you are released from prison and are homeless you should present to your local housing department and ask for help from a housing options officer. You should also talk to your Offender Manager if you have one.

The following places may also be able to offer crisis support;

St Petrocs Society

<http://www.stpetrocs.org.uk>

Provide accommodation, support, advice, training and resettlement services to single homeless people in Cornwall. This website also includes details of specialised initiatives such as No Second Night Out, Devon and Cornwall Rough Sleepers Partnership, The Outreach Team, SmartMove Bond and The Homeless Discharge Scheme. 01872 264153.

Coastline Homeless and Social Exclusion Services

<http://www.coastlinehousing.co.uk/temporary-housing-and-homeless>

If you are homeless or may lose your home help and advice is available from the Coastline Homeless and Social Exclusion Service. Telephone Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm - 01209 200086. Evenings, weekends and Bank holidays - 01209 713457.

Stonham Byan Community Outreach Support Service

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/service.page?id=oYqMCwuabrw>

A drop in service offered at various locations across the county. Clients can access one to one confidential advice on housing, and homelessness. 01209 719182 or 0771 070 9527

NACRO: Resettlement Advice Service

<http://www.nacro.org.uk/resettlement-advice-service/>

Practical advice for people with criminal records.

You can find a fuller list of housing related support in our Housing resource sheet.

Health

Health for Homeless

<http://www.cornwallft.nhs.uk/services/health-for-homeless/>

If you have been released from prison, homeless and are not registered with a GP the Health for Homeless team may be able to offer you access to primary health services. 01872 273617

You can find a fuller list of health related support in our Health resource sheet.

Benefits / Finance

Cornwall Council – Help to make a Universal Credit claim or get help with personal budgeting.
<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/universal-credit/>
Ring 0300 1234 121 (option 5)

Gov.uk – Contact JCP
<https://www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus>

Gov.uk – Benefit Calculator
<https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>
Make sure you are claiming all you are entitled to.

Gov.uk – Benefits
<https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/entitlement>

Cornwall Citizens Advice Cornwall
<https://www.citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk/>
Can provide advice on finance and benefits

Cornwall Council - Crisis and Care Awards
<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/crisis-and-care-awards/>

You can find a fuller list in our Debt and Money Management resource sheet.

Employment / Skills Support

Gov.uk
<http://gov.uk/exoffenders-and-employment>

UNLOCK Disclosure Calculator
<http://www.disclosurecalculator.org.uk/>
Establishes when criminal convictions become "spent" under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974:

Local Work Clubs
<http://inclusioncornwall.co.uk/practice/library/>

The Princes Trust – Young People
http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/next_steps/your_next_steps_in_the_uk/ex-offender_support_services.aspx

Cornwall Works Hub
Part of Inclusion Cornwall we provide for advice about where you can access support. Email emoseley1@cornwall.gov.uk or ring 01872 326440

The Work Programme
<https://www.gov.uk/moving-from-benefits-to-work/job-search-programmes>
Speak to your Jobcentre Plus advisor for more information and a referral.

Other Resources

UNLOCK: The National Association of Ex-Offenders
<http://www.unlock.org.uk>

Safer Cornwall: Partner Organisations:
<http://www.safercornwall.co.uk/about-us/who-we-work-with>

Prisoner Funder Directory:
<http://www.prisonerfunder.org.uk/>

CLINKS – Directory of Offender Services
<http://www.clinks.org/directory>

Turnaround – Priority and Prolific Offenders
<http://safercornwall.co.uk/what-we-do/reduce-reoffending>

We have not sought to capture everything but if you feel we have missed something vital please email emoseley1@cornwall.gov.uk with the details.