

## Renting in the private sector

If you don't want to spend time on the housing waiting list, you may want to think about using the private sector.

Tenants of social housing hoping to transfer could wait a very long time to move. This is because of the high demand and limited housing supply in Knowsley. If you feel that you do not want to wait a long time for a suitable home, private renting could be an option for you.

The advantages of private sector renting are that you can:

- bypass waiting lists;
- move into an area of your choice;
- move into a good quality home;
- have a wider choice of properties;
- have more space for you and your family;
- have use of the Knowsley tenancy bond scheme;
- receive financial incentives; and
- access housing advice and guidance from experienced staff.

It is important to think about the consequences of giving up a secure tenancy and we would strongly advise you to seek independent advice.

If you would like more information about renting privately, please contact:

The Knowsley Housing Options Service  
River Alt Resource Centre Woolfall Heath Avenue Huyton L36 3YE  
Or call 0800 694 0280