

## **CASS Education – Additional Support and Advice Sheet.**

### **HOMELESSNESS AND FINANCIALLY VULNERABLE.**

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/housing> Information, advice and links to further support for all housing issues.

[https://england.shelter.org.uk/get\\_help/local\\_services/birmingham\\_gateway\\_house](https://england.shelter.org.uk/get_help/local_services/birmingham_gateway_house) Birmingham Shelter offer a wide range of help and advice on all housing and homelessness issues. There is a team of advisers and solicitors who may be able to help families with their problem – and if they can't help, they work with other agencies who can. They have computers and telephones that parents/carers can use to access the internet for advice, claim benefits, or bid on properties. Contact 0344 515 1800 for further information.

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20006/housing/998/support\\_services](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20006/housing/998/support_services) This internet link signposts to other sources of housing support and accommodation, based on needs that are presented and the situation people may find themselves in (for example Domestic Abuse, ex-offenders, homeless families etc) The Gateway is open between Monday to Thursday 8:45am to 5:15pm, and Friday 8:45am to 4:15pm. Calls to the Gateway will direct enquiries to the appropriate supported housing providers. Telephone: 0121 675 4249

<https://tridentreach.org.uk/reach/birmingham> Trident Reach supports people through a number of services within the Birmingham area. If you would like to know more about any these services, click on the link or contact 0800 111 4944.

<http://www.midlandheart.org.uk/> Midland Heart are a housing organisation, delivering homes and services across the Midlands that enable people to live independently. Contact 0345 60 20 540.

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/> Family Action is a national charity, with a local focus. Whilst the Head Office is based in North London, services are delivered from local offices across the country. Contact 020 7254 6251 for further information.

The **No Recourse to Public Funds team** is part of service known as The Link, providing assessments, information and signposting to support for vulnerable people unable to access statutory services including welfare benefits, housing support and adult social care support due to their immigration status. In appropriate cases the team may provide support that is not otherwise available to those who are in need of care and attention. The assessment the team offer, under the National Assistance Act (Section 21 1 (A) 1948), will  
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advise if a person is eligible for a community care assessment and support services from Adults and Communities. The NRPF Team are based at 23 Summerhill Terrace, Ladywood, Birmingham, B1 3RA. Telephone: 0121 675 6979

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/> The Trussell Trust runs a network of over 400 foodbanks, giving emergency food and support to people in crisis across the UK, where thirteen million people live below the poverty line. Click on the link to see what support they can offer in the Birmingham area or contact 01722 580 180.

<https://birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk/> Birmingham Central Foodbank are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Contact 0121 236 2997 or email [info@birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk)

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/> The Citizen's Advice Bureau can signpost to support, advice and information for a whole variety of issues, including financial, housing and benefits. Click on the link for further information.

Travel Assist – Travel Assist may be able to help with access to and funding for transport for children in Temporary Accommodation that are residing a significant distance from school, but still within the Local Authority. They are available from Monday to Friday: 7:15am to 5:30pm. **Telephone:** 0121 303 4955 **Email:** [travelassist@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:travelassist@birmingham.gov.uk)

***For continued support, training, updates and advice specifically for Birmingham with regard to safeguarding children, please visit***

***<http://www.lscbbirmingham.org.uk/index.php>***