
Review of the Housing Register & Housing Allocations Policy

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Implementation

- Implementation – 6/7 July 2017
- Letters to all applicants affected by the change – 20th July 2017.

Removal of Applicants from the Housing Register with No Housing Need (Band 5)

- Already stopped accepting new applications from people who were considered to be adequately housed in May 2014
- Manage customer expectations
- Reduce administrative burden

Removal of Applicants from the Housing Register with Low Housing Need (Band 4)

- Applicants who were considered to be in low housing need with no prospect of an offer
- Applicants requesting 1 bed sheltered housing moved to a higher Band 3 priority



Owner-Occupiers

- Existing applicants on the Housing Register who are home owners removed from the register unless there are extenuating circumstances

Limit Qualifying Income Threshold to Join the Housing Register

- Maximum income threshold to join the Housing Register reduced to £31k p.a. (Families)

Reconfiguration of the Overcrowding Banding Priorities

- Differentiated between tenants and non-tenants
- Amended age rule for families living in 1 bed accommodation

Insanitary or Unsatisfactory Housing

- Addition of a new Band 2 priority for people who are living in insanitary or unreasonable housing

Adopted the Government's Bedroom Standard

- A separate bedroom is allocated to:
 - Each married or cohabiting couple or single parent
 - Any other person aged 21 years or more
 - Each pair of children of either sex under 10 years
 - **Each pair of people of the same sex aged under 21 years.**
 - Any person who cannot be paired

Choice of Accommodation

- Households are able to choose to apply for accommodation with one less bedroom than they are eligible for
- Families with 1 child aged 2 years and under are able to choose to apply for 1 and 2 bedroom accommodation

Inactive Applications

- Applicants who have not bid or had any activity on their application in the last 6 months will be cancelled
- Exceptions will be applicants who require adapted or large accommodation

Banding Changes

	Total
BAND 1	759
Harassment	30
Management Case	22
High Medical	276
Under-occupation	409
Young Person Leaving Care	22
BAND 2	3286
Care Package ASC	46
Insecure Accommodation	424
Leaving Armed Forces	12
Leaving Residential Care	32
Medium Medical	400
Overcrowding Fam in 1 Bed	843
Severe Overcrowding	1044
Statutory Homeless	32
Temporary Accommodation	360
Under-occupation	93
BAND 3	3407
Adult Leaving Care	8
Care & Support	10
Overcrowding	3384
Workplace Move	5
BAND 4	2489
BAND 5	2166
Grand Total	12107

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BAND 1	746
Harassment	30
Management Case	22
High Medical	269
Priority Under-occupation	402
Young Person Leaving Care	23
BAND 2	2196
Care Package ASC	45
Insecure Accommodation	421
Leaving Armed Forces	12
Leaving Residential Care	27
Medium Medical	404
Overcrowding Fam in 1 Bed	490
Severe Overcrowding	309
Statutory Homeless	32
Temporary Accommodation	348
Under-occupation	108
BAND 3	4689
Adult Leaving Care	8
Care & Support	10
Overcrowding (Non-Tenants)	2244
Overcrowding (Tenants)	1988
Workplace Move	4
Sheltered Housing	433
Grand Total	7631



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What Happens Next?

External Communication

- Website set up to give information about the Policy Changes.
- Approx. 8000 letters being sent to affected.
- Customer Services Line IVR amended to point people towards online info where possible.
- Online appeal form for those wishing to request a review of changes made to app.

Thank You

Any Questions?

