

Eligibility criteria for temporary accommodation with housing related support

1st criteria: Are homeless or threatened with homelessness and eligible for public assistance (unless found rough sleeping).

2nd criteria: Fall into one of the following categories:

Category		Duty arises from
A	Family, pregnant woman	Housing Act 1996 – Part VII Includes referrals from Adult Social Care Division under the specific duties to cooperate
B	Vulnerable adult (those 16+)	Housing Act 1996 – Part VII Includes referrals from Adult Social Care and Children’s Division under the specific duties to cooperate
C	Children leaving care Young offenders / ex-offenders	Housing Act 1996 – Part VII Children’s Act 1989 - Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 Includes referrals from Children’s Division (including Youth Offending Service) under the specific duties to cooperate
D	High risk offenders Offenders leaving approved premises Offenders supervised by Probation or CRC	Criminal Justice Act 2003 Duty to co-operate with Police, Probation / CRC and Prison Services under Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Includes referrals from Probation Service / CRC
E	Rough sleepers	Who do not fall within the above categories
F	Individuals with support needs	Who do not fall within the above categories To support those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness due to an inability to cope with the demands and requirements of living independently. Priority for accommodation-based support will be based on support needs based on the criteria below.

Category F prioritisation criteria

Support needs	Points
History of homelessness within 2 years	20
Receiving support / assistance to live independently	20
Domestic violence / history / fleeing violence	20
Ex-offender within one year of leaving custodial sentence	5
Age 55+	10
Age 18-24	10
Nil income	10
Substance users	10
Former care leavers and youth offenders (who do not fall within the above categories)	20
<u>Health & wellbeing (considering physical, mental and social health & well-being):</u>	
High- needs	20
Lower level-needs	10

Notes

1. Access to temporary homeless accommodation is primarily for those applicants that have had a settled address in the City of Leicester for the last 6 out of 12 months immediately prior to presentation, or 3 years out of the past 5 years (rough sleeping will not count towards this connection) or if the applicant has always been connected to Leicester but has been in prison/institution away from the City and is now homeless immediately post release / discharge. (Exceptions to this policy will apply where there is a statutory homeless duty.)
2. The Council will not provide a bed space when there are no vacancies and there is no statutory duty to do so. Advice will be given. Where there is a duty and there are no suitable hostel bed spaces, other temporary accommodation will be offered.
3. The Council imposes sanctions on homelessness clients who fail to comply with accommodation and other agreements (e.g. failure to comply with rent payments or arrears agreements, threatening behaviour etc.) These sanctions can include the need to meet specified requirements to gain re-entry to hostels.
4. To receive housing related support a person must be homeless, or threatened with homelessness, and have demonstrable support needs for which it is essential they receive housing related support order to sustain or obtain housing. Homeless people who those at risk of homelessness without support needs will be given advice and assistance to secure other forms of accommodation.
5. The SAR Manager will be able to prioritise cases for accommodation-based support in exceptional circumstances.