

Summary of Allocation Policy and Proposed Changes

Current Allocations Policy	Proposals (changes highlighted in bold)
Homeless: you have nowhere safe and secure you can reasonably stay; have no other options; and the Council agrees that it has a legal duty to house you.	Continue to be high priority and give 1 offer only. Change: Allocate from 3 lists (Homeless; Housing, Transfer Lists) to prioritise better. Prioritise homeless applications by decision date (i.e. not time spent in temporary housing).
You are experiencing domestic abuse which will continue unless re-housed.	Change: Provide a high priority to victims of domestic abuse. This is a new category.
Your health or medical condition is made worse by your home - and adaptations or services can't resolve it.	No change to priorities: High = re-housing is essential; medium = re-housing would be of significant benefit; low = re-housing would be beneficial.
You are overcrowded – priority given depending on how many extra bedrooms are needed.	Change – No extra priority for extreme over-crowding (3 sharing room). No priority for 'part-time' overcrowding due to having access to children less than 50% of time.
You are moving from care or supported housing into independent living.	Continue high priority for: 'Looked After' Young People and applicants leaving other types of formal care.
You need to move to be nearer facilities to maintain independent living - and you have no other reasonable option.	Change: to medium priority if need to move to be nearer specialist facilities or independence supporting services and you have no other reasonable option.
You need to move to a specific location to give or receive care or support and there is no other reasonable option.	Continue to be a priority.
You are in 'insecure accommodation' or have a 'Notice to Quit' to leave private rented housing, tied tenancy or HM Forces.	Continue to be a priority.
You are living in a private rented tenancy, tied tenancy, or HM forces housing but you do not need to leave.	Change: only a priority if you need to leave (as above). This recognises that the new Private Residential Tenancy provides a long-term secure tenancy for private renters.
You are sharing facilities with other people.	Change: give priority only if sharing facilities with at least 2 other households (i.e. 'HMO' housing).
You have an essential 'need to reside' in a particular community because: of a job there; live there; or need to get or give care and have no other option.	Change: apply to applicants <u>only</u> if two or more are eligible for an offer because they have the same level of housing need.
Your home is in poor housing condition or missing essential facilities.	Change: remove low priority category. Give high or medium priority for defects if no options for resolving.
You are under-occupying a Council or housing association home.	Continue to give priority based on how many extra bedrooms the household has. This frees up homes for others. Change: no <u>extra</u> priority for DWP criteria.
Under-occupying owner, private renter or tenant elsewhere.	Change: do not give priority.
You are a homeowner.	Change: we will only make an offer of housing if it is not reasonable for you to remain or occupy your property.