

### How the proposed changes will impact on applicants

A final equality impact assessment will be undertaken on the proposed changes following consultation on the draft amended housing allocation scheme. In order to inform this process, an initial assessment has been made on the impact of these changes on existing applicants, using a 'snapshot' of two data sets as comparators:

1,855 'live' applicants on 25.6.12 comprising 1,202 Homeseekers (65 per cent) and 653 tenants (35 per cent), and

430 'housed' applicants between 26.6.11 and 25.6.12 comprising 284 Homeseekers (66 per cent) and 146 tenants (34 per cent).

**Live applicants** – defined as all housing register applicants (homeseekers and tenants) who were able to participate in the bidding process on 25.6.12 (does not include those whose applications were pending or suspended on this date).

**Housed applicants** – defined as all housing register applicants (homeseekers and tenants) who have accepted the tenancy of a property they have bid for, where the tenancy start date falls between 26.6.11 and 25.6.12 inclusive (does not include those whose applications have been removed for any reason or those who have been offered a tenancy outside of the CBL system during this period).

#### Breakdown by Bed Need (Live)

1 bed – 888 (48%)

2 bed – 626 (34%)

3 bed – 237 (13%)

4 bed – 95 (5%)

5+ bed – 9 (under 1%)

**Total – 1,855**

#### Breakdown by Band (Live)

Band A – 63 (3%)

Band B – 153 (8%)

Band C – 645 (35%)

Band D – 994 (54%)

**Total – 1,885**

#### Age range (Live)

#### Breakdown by Bed Need (Housed)

1 bed – 191 (44%)

2 bed – 137 (32%)

3 bed – 93 (22%)

4 bed – 9 (2%)

5 + bed – 0

**Total - 430**

#### Breakdown by Band (Housed)

Band A – 42 (10%)

Band B – 162 (38%)

Band C – 188 (44%)

Band D – 38 (9%)

**Total - 430**

#### Age range (Housed)

894 (48%) are aged 18 – 39

321 (17%) are aged 40 – 49

228 (12%) are aged 50 – 59

412 (22%) are aged over 60

233 (54%) are aged 18 – 39

68 (16%) are aged 40 – 49

42 (10%) are aged 50 – 59

87 (20%) are aged over 60

262 (14%) stated they had a disability

34.(8%) stated they had a disability

### **Ethnicity (Live)**

1504 – White British (81%)

30 – Asian, or Asian British (2%)

14 – Black, or Black British (<1%)

27 – White, other (1%)

22 – White Irish (1%)

10 – Gypsy/Traveller (<1%)

20 – Mixed (1%)

2 - Chinese (<1%)

221 – Not stated (12%)

5 – Other (<1%)

### **Ethnicity (Housed)**

356 – White British (83%)

5 –Asian, or Asian British (1%)

3– Black, or Black British (<1%)

4– White, other (<1%)

1 – White Irish (<1%)

3 - Gypsy/Traveller (<1%)

5 – Mixed (1%)

1 – Chinese (<1%)

50 – Not stated (12%)

2 – Other (<1%)

## Proposed change - Simplification of the assessment of medical/welfare priority

### Live applicants

From the live data, there are 58 households (3%) who have a Band C priority solely due to a medium medical or welfare need, who will be downgraded to low priority (Band D).

#### Age ranges:

12 (21%) are aged 18 – 39	5 (9%) are aged 40 – 49
8 (14%) are aged 50 – 59	29 (50%) are aged over 60
8 (14%) stated that they have a disability	

#### Ethnicity:

45 – White British	1 – White Irish
12 – Not stated	

### Housed applicants

From the housed data, there are 11 households (3%) who have a Band C priority solely due to a medium medical or welfare need, who will be downgraded to low priority (Band D).

#### Age ranges:

0 are aged 18 – 39	3 (27%) are aged 40 – 49
1 (9%) are aged 50 – 59	7 (64%) are aged over 60
1 (9%) stated that they have a disability	

#### Ethnicity:

8 – White British	3 - Not stated
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The 11 households were housed in the following properties:

1 x 2 bed flat	2 x 1 bed flat(for over 50's)	3 x 1 bed bungalow
5 x 1 bed flat	(ground floor/lifted)	

## Proposed change – Local connection qualification

### Live applicants

From the live data, there are 190 households (10 per cent) who are assessed as having no local connection, comprising 127 (67 per cent) homeseekers and 63 (33 per cent) transfers.

Of these, 8 are in Band A, 15 in Band B, 124 in Band C and 43 in Band D

Of the 23 high priority cases (Band A or Band B), priority awarded due to:

9 – overcrowding need	7 – welfare (fleeing violence, move-on)
2 – underoccupying	2 – need wheelchair adapted
1 – multiple reasons	1 – medical
1 – statutory homeless	

### Age ranges:

106 (56%) are aged 18 – 39	32 (17%) are aged 40 – 49
20 (11%) are aged 50 – 59	32 (17%) are aged over 60
21 (11%) stated that they have a disability	

### Ethnicity:

149 – White British	3 – White Irish
4 – Mixed	2 – Asian or Asian British
4 – Black, or Black British	4 – Gypsy/Traveller
1 – Chinese	23 – Not stated

### Housed applicants

From the housed data, there are 28 households (7 per cent) who are assessed as having no local connection, comprising 20 (71 per cent) homeseekers and 8 (39 per cent) transfers.

Of these, 2 are in Band A, 9 in Band B, 16 in Band C and 1 in Band D

Of the 11 high priority cases (Band A or Band B), priority awarded due to:

4 – overcrowding  
on)

5 – welfare (fleeing violence, move-

1 – underoccupying

1 – medical

**Age ranges:**

15 (54%) are aged 18 – 39

7 (25%) are aged 40 – 49

1 (4%) are aged 50 – 59

5 (18%) are aged over 60

3 (7%) stated that they have a disability

**Ethnicity:**

21– White British

1– Mixed

1 – Asian or Asian British

1 – Black, or Black British

1 – Chinese

3 – Not stated

The 28 households were housed in the following properties:

1 x 4 bed house

12 x 3 bed house

4 x 2 bed house

2 x 2 bed flat

5 x 1 bed flat

2 x 1 bed bungalow

2 x studio flat

## Proposed change – Housing need qualification

### Live applicants

From the live data of 1,855 households, there are 560 households (30 per cent) in Band D who are assessed as having no housing need, (that is they are registered with 5 points for local connection only) comprising 372 (66 per cent) homeseekers and 188 (34 per cent) transfers.

#### Age ranges:

227 (41%) are aged 18 – 39	120 (21%) are aged 40 – 49
80 (14%) are aged 50 – 59	133 (24%) are aged over 60

16 (3%) stated that they have a disability

#### Ethnicity:

469 – White British	6 – White Irish
12 – White other	5 – Mixed
9 – Asian or Asian British	2 – Black, or Black British
2 – Gypsy/Traveller	2 -Other
1 – Chinese	53 – Not stated

### Housed applicants

From the housed data, there are 15 households (3 per cent) in Band D who are assessed as having no housing need, (that is they are registered with 5 points for local connection only) comprising 10 (67 per cent) homeseekers and 5 (33 per cent) transfers.

#### Age ranges:

3 (20%) are aged 18 – 39	1 (7%) are aged 40 – 49
3 (20%) are aged 50 – 59	8 (53%) are aged over 60

The 11 applicants aged over 50 were all housed in homes advertised as suitable for those aged over 45, including 7 within sheltered schemes.

4 (27%) stated that they have a disability

**Ethnicity:**

13 - White British

1 - Gypsy/Traveller

1 - Not stated

The 15 households were housed in the following properties:

2 x 3 bed house

2 x 2 bed flat

1 x 1 bed bungalow

3 x 1 bed flat

7 x flat within sheltered scheme