

APPENDIX TWO

Bedroom eligibility

The Welfare Reform Act has required the council and its partners to assess the impact of reduced income arising from families under-occupying their home.

As a result, it has been considered that bedroom eligibility should reflect the current Department of Work and Pensions Local Housing Allowance Standards, ensuring that applicants are housed in accommodation where they will not be subject to the 'bedroom tax'.

Below confirms the size of property a household can bid for, however on occasion an opportunity may apply when a household could under occupy, but this will be specified on any advert and would form part of a lettings plan.

Household make-up	Bedroom requirement
Single person	1 bed
Couple	1 bed
Two people not in a relationship but being accommodated together	2 bed
Parent or couple with one Child	2 bed
Parent or couple with two children (both under ten years, regardless of gender)	2 bed
Parent or couple with two children (both under sixteen years and same gender)	2 bed
Parent or couple with two children (one of which over ten years but of a different gender)	3 bed
Parent or couple with three children (all under sixteen years)	3 bed
Parent or couple with three children (one of which is over sixteen years and the other two are of different gender and over ten years)	4 bed
Parent or couple with four children (all under ten years)	3 bed
Parent or couple with four children (one of which is over sixteen years and the other three are of different gender and over ten years)	4 bed
Parent or couple with five children	4 bed
Parent or couple with six or more children	5 bed

An additional bedroom will be allocated to:-

- applicants who receive support from carers who do not reside with them but are required to stay overnight for at least one night a week.
- a disabled member of the household, if following an occupational therapist's report they confirm they require a separate bedroom and based on the 'bedroom matrix' they would not otherwise be allocated their own room.
- to enable children services to meet their s22G duty any approved prospective foster carer or adopter should be allocated the required bedroom size as recommended by children services to ensure the family are allocated the correct size property to enable the family to foster or adopt a child.

However there may be restrictions on the amount of housing benefit such applicants are eligible for. In these circumstances an additional bedroom/s will be allocated but individual landlords may apply a test of affordability before making an offer of accommodation.