

APPENDIX THREE

Band 1

Band 1 is for households who need to be housed urgently. This would include households who have a specific statutory requirement or there is a serious risk to health, safety or wellbeing.

Statutory Requirement

A household who is owed a duty by Wiltshire Council under the Housing Act 1996 Part 7 s 193(2). These are households who have been accepted as statutory homeless. A household who has been assessed as being statutory overcrowded or are lacking more than 3 bedrooms. The bedroom eligibility will be applied to assess overcrowding, or a household that the authority has a statutory duty to accommodate and an allocation will prevent a residential or out of area placement.

Move on from supported accommodation

This applies to applicants in shared or supported accommodation where there is a move on protocol in place with the council. The applicant must have been assessed as being in priority need and ready to move into independent living accommodation by an appropriate council officer.

Urgent medical or Welfare need

An applicant's health or social care needs are so severely affected by their accommodation that it is likely to become life threatening, or an applicant's mobility is severely compromised and therefore requires a property which meets their needs as their current property can't be suitably adapted.

An applicant's safety and or wellbeing is seriously affected by their social circumstances and moving home is vital. The only way to resolve the problem; such as a prohibition notice has been served or witness protection, as well as awaiting discharge from a hospital or residential placement in Wiltshire with no suitable accommodation to move into.

Band 2

Under-Occupying and suffering financial hardship

The applicant is a transfer applicant who is a social housing tenant of working age who is under-occupying by two or more bedrooms and who would suffer financial hardship if they remained in their existing home.

Social Care

For an applicant to be able to provide or receive support in suitable accommodation. This would include foster carers, those approved to adopt, or those being assessed for approval to foster or adopt, who need to move to a larger home in order to accommodate a looked after child or a child who was previously looked after by a local authority. It would also include special guardians, holders of a residence order and family and friends carers who are not foster carers but who have taken on the care of a child because the parents are unable to provide care.

Band 3

No fixed accommodation & Insecurity of Tenure

These are applicants who have been confirmed as being homeless with no fixed accommodation or have been confirmed by housing options as being threatened with homelessness. Applicants assessed as being insecure in their accommodation will generally be under a 2 month or 93 day notice period to vacate their accommodation.

Temporary Accommodation

Those applicants currently residing in temporary accommodation under part 7 of the 1996 Act and who are awaiting a homeless decision

Supported Accommodation

Those households currently residing in supported accommodation who have been assessed as ready to move on but do not meet the move on protocol

Seriously Overcrowded

Applicants living in overcrowded accommodation (in need of at least two additional bedrooms), the bedroom standard will be applied to assess overcrowding

Under Occupying in Social Housing

Applicants who are currently in social housing and under occupying by 1 bedroom and willing to move into a smaller home

Medical and Welfare grounds

Applicants who are suffering from serious harassment, violence, or threat of violence at their current property, providing evidence exists to substantiate their claim.

Medium risk to physical safety and functional ability. Re-housing is required to prevent deterioration in functional ability or emotional deterioration. Current accommodation has a significant contribution to social isolation (including episode of illness requiring significant intervention of mental health or other professional's during the past six months or evidence that the housing environment is causing the applicant emotional distress. Applicants who are receiving support from a recognised support provider may be awarded welfare needs if their need to move is evidenced by that support provider.

Other Statutory duties

Any applicant who is owed a full housing duty by any housing authority under section 192(2), 193(2) or 195(2) of the 1996 Act or who are occupying accommodation secured by any housing authority under s.192(3)

Band 4

Band 4 would include households with a low need for accommodation.

Lacking facilities

Any households who is lacking either a bathroom, kitchen or inside WC.

Sharing facilities

Applicants who are sharing facilities and who have no security of tenure to live in their current accommodation.

Overcrowded

Applicants living in overcrowded accommodation (in need of one additional bedroom).

Armed Forces and Reserve Forces

Applicants from armed forces currently or previously stationed in the Wiltshire Council area, due to be discharged within the next 12 months, or have left the armed forces within the last 5 years and in need of affordable housing.

And serving or former members of the Reserve Forces who need to move because of a serious injury, medical condition or disability sustained as a result of their service

Intentionally homeless

Any households who has been found intentionally homeless by Wiltshire's housing option team.

Sheltered Accommodation or those who require extra care

Those aged over 55 that require sheltered accommodation or have an identified support need that would be best met in supported accommodation