



Allocation Policy: Summary of Amendments

February 2025

Additions

- 3.3.1 Local Connection

“They are a victim of domestic abuse who wants to move to the Lancaster District to escape violence or harm.”

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“Any gap in a person’s residence, which is not of their own choice (i.e. being detained in prison or under the Mental Health Act), will be disregarded.”

Amendments

- 3.3.1 Local Connection

Previously read: “Is serving in the Regular Armed Forces or has served in the previous five years.”

Amended to: “Is serving or has served in the Regular Armed Forces.”

- 3.3.1 Local Connection

Previously read: “Is a social housing tenant in another Local Authority area who is needing to move to the Lancaster district to take up employment or apprenticeship opportunity within the district.”

Amended to: “Is a resident in another Local Authority area who needs to move to the Lancaster district to take up employment or apprenticeship opportunity within the district.”

3.13 Assessing Medical Priority

Band C: Medium housing need 10-15 medical points

Previously read: “Alternative housing is required to prevent a significant and serious deterioration to their health and wellbeing in the short/ medium term (within 2 years).”

Amended to: “Alternative housing is required to prevent a significant and serious deterioration to their health and wellbeing in the short/ medium term”.

Rejected Amendment

1. When considering bedroom allocations, Government guidance recommends that, as a minimum, a single bedroom is suitable for a pair of adolescents, aged 10-20 years, of the same sex.
2. Our current Allocation Policy states that a single bedroom is suitable for two children of the same sex, under 16.
3. Having carried out an initial consultation, with partners and stakeholders, the consensus was that we should not increase the suitable age for two children, of the same sex, to share a bedroom.