

Banding Criteria for Transfers

When residents apply for a transfer we place them in one of our four bands, according to their housing need and current circumstances.

Residents must provide evidence of how a move will improve their circumstances.

Applications are prioritised by band, then date of application. If an application is moved to a higher band, we will use the date it was given the new band.

Band 1

- A household member is unable to occupy - or return to - their home due to acute medical needs.
 - The home can't be adapted to meet a household member's medical or disability related needs, and the home is unsuitable for them to live in.
 - In the current property, there's a high risk of serious harm or a severe detrimental effect to a household member's health.
 - There's a risk to the safety of others living in the vicinity, resulting from the mental illness of a household member.
 - Police or other involved agencies recommend and support a move to another property, because of a serious risk to life due to safeguarding, anti-social behaviour or domestic abuse (ASB Officer discretion can be applied.)
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Band Two

- A member of the household has a medical condition or disability caused, or made worse by, their current housing.
 - A household member has been the victim of targeted anti-social behaviour or domestic abuse in the last six months (from date of request) and are still experiencing the impact of these behaviours.
 - The household is under occupying by two or more bedrooms and benefits have been reduced by 25%.
 - The household is overcrowded and needs two or more extra bedrooms
 - The household members are over 55 and want to downsize into retirement living accommodation
 - A household member needs to move to access specialist education, a permanent job or support services, because of a disability, you're their age or other welfare-related reasons
 - The household is insubstantial financial difficulty and a move would help their financial situation.
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Band Three:

- A household member has a non-urgent medical need
- The accommodation is unsuitable for the household's needs, for example because all members of the household can't live together there, or because it requires adaptations.
- A household member has been the victim of targeted anti-social behaviour or domestic abuse in the last 12 months (from date of request) and are still experiencing the impact of these behaviours
- The household is under-occupying by one bedroom and benefits have been reduced by 14%.
- The household is overcrowded and needs one extra bedroom
- The household wants to downsize whilst remaining in a general needs property

Band Four:

- A move would have no identified impact on the health or wellbeing of any household member
 - The household has no social needs
 - The household has no welfare reform related needs
 - The household's current housing meets their needs
 - The household doesn't hold a Sovereign tenancy
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Medical needs – examples:

BAND 1 MEDICAL NEED

- Place of safety cases
- area household member is in hospital and unable to return home as a result of medical needs
- A household member must sleep downstairs and cannot access toilet or bathing facilities due to stairs
- The home cannot be adapted for wheelchair access or to
- It's not possible to adapt the home to provide the necessary care and support required
- A consultant psychiatrist has assessed that the existing home is having a major effect on the mental health of a household member.

BAND 2 MEDICAL NEED

- A household member has significant difficulty in managing stairs or accessing toilet or bathing facilities, and the property cannot be made suitable at reasonable cost.
- The home is a significant contributory factor in a household member's mental health

BAND 3 MEDICAL NEED

- The impact of the home on the health or mobility of someone in the household could be sufficiently alleviated by alteration to the property at reasonable cost, or with the help of grants.

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