

Working out the size of home needed by Applicants

The Council will work out the size of home suitable for the applicant and members of their household reasonably expected to live with them regardless of how the applicant uses their current home.

The Council will use two bedroom standards:

- One for Council-owned homes
- One for homes in Enfield owned by housing associations under nomination agreements

The bedroom standard for Council-owned homes

A notional number of bedrooms will be allocated based on the age, sex, marital status and relationship to family members, as follows:

- A married or cohabiting couple or single parent will be entitled to one bedroom
- pairs of adolescents from their 10th birthday and above of the same sex will be expected to share a bedroom
- pairs of children of either sex aged up to their 10th birthday will be expected to share a bedroom
- children of the main applicant who are aged over 21 will be expected to share a bedroom with a same sex sibling who is younger, including where that younger sibling is under the age of 10 (unless there are safeguarding issues).
- Where Enfield has accepted that the relatives listed have an exceptional reason for living with the main applicant, they will be expected to share a bedroom with the applicant's children where they are the same sex (unless there are safeguarding issues):
 - nieces, nephews, step children and grandchildren
- Where Enfield has accepted that an older relative has an exceptional reason for living with the main applicant e.g. an older (60+) grand/parent(s), aunt or uncle, they will be entitled to a bedroom of their own

Entitlement to an Additional Bedroom

An extra bedroom may be considered where:

- A household is overcrowded in their current home, and
 - includes an adult child of the main applicant aged over 21 who has significant care needs being met by their family and
 - alternative housing options are not suitable for that dependent adult