

Which homes will applicants be able to bid for or receive a Direct Offer?

Here we explain which housing applicants can bid for a Council or housing association home using the choice based lettings system, Home Connections, or be made a direct offer.

Applicants in Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be able to bid for or receive a direct offer of a general needs home. The section on **Types of homes that each group will be considered for** which explains what a general needs home is.

Applicants in Groups 5 and 6 will be made direct offers.

Applicants in Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 needing General Needs Homes

A limited pool of applicants will be created from Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Based on current estimates there will be around 1,200 applicants in the pool who can either bid for a general needs social rented home or be made a direct offer of one. The pool will be kept under review.

How we allocate particular types of homes

This section explains the type of applicants we prioritise for homes with particular types of facilities, amenities or layout.

Houses

Maisonettes with gardens, as well as terraced, semi-detached or detached houses are included in this definition.

Houses are in very short supply and will normally be only considered for families with children under the age of 15. Exceptions to this rule are where:

- A council tenant gives up a 4, 5 or 6 bedroom house under the Council's Under-occupation Scheme
- Tenants living in houses who are required by the Council to move as part of an estate regeneration programme, a Compulsory Purchase Order, a Closing Order or to release a specialised home.

Houses which have two living rooms will be allocated as though the second living room is a bedroom. This is provided that the rooms have not been knocked through into one and the kitchen is large enough for chairs and a table for dining.