

- The applicant has been approved as a Foster Parent or Family or Friend's Foster Carer
- An applicant has a child with behavioural syndromes including extreme hyperactivity or autism and a Health and Well-being assessment has confirmed the applicant needs their own room
- An applicant's household includes a child who uses a wheelchair and/or needs significant equipment (e.g. hoists) to be able to live at home.
- someone in the household needs full-time care and no one in their immediate family are able to provide this. In exceptional cases consideration will be given to a household containing a person with a disability who has an occasional need for a carer to stay overnight.

Applicants requesting homes with one bedroom less than the household needs

- Housing applicants may let the Council know if they would prefer to receive an offer of a social rented home which is one bedroom less than their household needs. The Council will not make offers of homes where the household would be severely overcrowded (that is, two or more bedrooms short).
- An applicant who chooses to move into a home with one bedroom less than they need will not be awarded Overcrowding Points for a transfer at a later date except in exceptional circumstances

Under occupying households giving up larger homes

- Council and Housing Association tenants under-occupying their home, who would normally qualify for a one bedroom and are giving up a 3, 4 or 5 bedroom house or a 4 or 5 bedroom flat, could be offered a 2 bedroom home suitable for 3 people (2B/3P) but not a two bedroom home suitable for 4 people (2B/4P). Applicants awarded an additional room for reasons outlined above must be able to demonstrate to the Council they can afford the rent from earned income or benefits.

Council Undertakings

- We will consider anyone we have made an undertaking to offer a particular size home to as part of a legal agreement

Calculating the Size of Home Needed by Applicants

The following table shows how Enfield will calculate the size of home needed by different sized households. It should be noted that lettings of social rented homes with 4 or more bedrooms are rare: during the period 2007/08 to 2010/11 there were only 50 social rented homes with 4 and 5 bedrooms let in Enfield out of a total of 3425 lettings.