

Assessment of Health and Well-being Issues

A Health and Well-being priority will not be considered where

- The applicant or member of the household has a temporary health and well-being issue. Examples include:
 - pregnancy
 - having a common cold, flu, blocked nose or cough
 - a broken leg
- The applicant or member of their household is waiting for the outcome of a medical condition if it is unclear how they will be affected in the long term

How Health and Well-being issues will be assessed

Applicants wishing to be assessed for health and well-being points are required to complete a Health and Well-being Assessment Form.

The Health and Well-being Assessment will be carried out by a Medical Assessment Officer and will be based on the information completed on the Self-Assessment Form. Applicants should not ask their GP or anyone else to write to us. We may request supporting evidence from the applicant's GP, Hospital Consultant, social worker or other relevant professional identified by the Applicant

Applicants should not ask us to reassess their health or independence needs unless they have changed significantly since they were last assessed, for example, the applicant has been diagnosed with a new health problem, or their independence has been reduced

Issues to be considered

Health and Well-being issues to be considered by a Medical Assessment Officer during the assessment include:

- How and to what extent the applicant's current living conditions affect their illness or disability or well-being.
- An applicant's housing need
- How a current health issue affects the applicant or member of the household
- The severity of the health issue and how long it has lasted
- The cumulative effect on the whole household where there is more than one person in the applicant's household with a severe illness or disability.