

How the Housing Register Works – The Points Scheme

We aim to make sure that our empty homes are let to those people that need them most, our points scheme helps us to consider everyone's application fairly. The greater your needs, the more points you are awarded. Your points score is worked out using the information that you supply to us on your housing application form. It is in your own interests to:

- Give accurate information
- Tell us straight away if your choices or your circumstances change.
- Return your yearly review form.
- Only tell us about the properties that you would accept if offered – we do not wish to waste your time by offering properties to people who do not want them.

Please note the following information regarding:

Cramped Living Conditions

We give points for each extra bedroom you need based on the following:

- A parent, or parents, who share a bedroom with a child.
- A boy and girl having to share a bedroom and one of them is over the age of 5.
- People who have to share a bedroom where at least one of them is over the age of 16 , and they are not: Brothers,
Sisters, or
Living as a couple

Social Points

- We will give points for one of the following situations: for being nearer to relatives or being nearer to work .
- We will give points for the following situations: non-physical harassment, domestic violence, discriminatory harassment, or violent harassment.

In the case of harassment points, we will only give them where there is clear evidence to support the allegations. In the case of violent harassment the complaints will generally have to be supported by the police.

Medical Points

Points are awarded according to the extent to which your medical condition is affected by your present home.

What we give points for:

<u>POINTS FACTORS</u>		
Local Connection		10 points
People with less than £30,000 savings or less than £30,000 Worth of investments including equity in housing		10 points
Applicants with a child (including approved fostered or adopted children and if a household member is pregnant)		15 points
	For each additional child...	5 points
Cramped Living Conditions	(1 extra bedroom needed)	15 points
	(2 extra bedrooms needed)	30 points
	(3 extra bedrooms needed)	45 points
People with a child in an upstairs flat, under 5		10 points
ADC tenant or Housing Association tenant in Ashfield wanting to move from family housing to housing only available to applicants 50 and over		45 points
ADC tenant or Housing Association tenant in Ashfield who apply to move to accommodation with fewer bedrooms. We will give one set of points for <u>each</u> bedroom which would be freed up from the requested move		15 points
Medical Points (given where medical condition is made worse by current living conditions) Awarded in increments of 10.		10, 20, 30, 40, 50 or 60 points
Homelessness (given to those who the Council owes a duty under homeless legislation)		20 points
Lack of Secure Accommodation		15 points
Lack of amenities	No WC	5 points
	No hot water	5 points
	No shower or bath	5 points
Social Needs:	To be nearer relatives for support	15 points
	To be nearer work	5 points
	Non-physical harassment	10 points
	Domestic Violence	35 points
	Discriminatory Harassment	25 points
	Violent Harassment	35 points
Making Disabled or Elderly Accommodation Available In Ashfield		30 points
Waiting Time (for every 3 months on the Housing Register)		1 point (up to a max of 80)