

Housing Allocation Scheme December 2024
Summary of minor changes and additions to the scheme

Change Number	Current position/wording	Minor change/addition
1.	Sheltered Housing You do not qualify if you or anyone included in your application have a high level of household savings or assets as set out in the policy.	Add In line with those requiring Extra Care housing or fully adapted housing, exempt eligible applicants for sheltered housing from the savings and assets test qualification criteria.
	Sheltered Housing The current qualifying age for sheltered housing is 65 years or over.	Amend Reduce the qualifying age for Sheltered Housing to 60 years.
	Sheltered Housing You do not qualify if you have not lived in the London Borough of Camden for 5 of the last 7 years.	Amend This requirement does not apply if: You are applying and eligible for sheltered housing, where the qualifying criteria is that you have lived in the borough for one year at the point of application.
	Sheltered Housing To apply for sheltered housing, you must satisfy three criteria, age requirement, age related support need and have a housing need as set out in the policy.	Amend Exempt all older applicants (age 60+) willing to accept an offer of sheltered housing, from the “housing need” qualification criterion. The age support requirement will remain.

2.	<p>Under-occupation Only those households at or above state pension credit age, will be able to bid for a property which is one bedroom larger than their requirement under the Camden bedroom standard.</p>	<p>Amend Households seeking to downsize can bid for a property which is one bedroom larger than their assessed requirement under the Camden bedroom standard, should they wish.</p>
3.	<p>Direct Offers - Bereaved Family's Protocol No current entitlement.</p>	<p>Add You may receive a direct offer if you are being assisted through the Council's bereaved family's protocol and require an urgent need to move.</p>
4.	<p>Housing Quota: Foster Carer and Adoptive Parents Current offer of ten family size properties to create capacity for approved household to start or increase fostering or adoption.</p>	<p>Amend The quota remains at ten properties but includes 1-bed properties within the quota which will allow non-dependent household members to be rehoused and free up a room to increase fostering capacity within the home.</p>
5.	<p>Housing Quota Learning Disability Annual Adult Social Care currently have an annual housing quota of 10 housing units for adults with learning disability which ASC has assessed as ready to live independently or able to live independently with a supporting care package.</p>	<p>Adult Social Care Annual Housing Quota Increase the quota to 20 bedsit/1-bed units and broaden the quota to include adults with learning disability, mental health needs, younger vulnerable adults moving-on from children's services, autistic people and those moving on from the Adult Pathway.</p>
6.	<p>Housing Quota for Direct Offers - Sensitive Lets</p>	<p>Delete Sensitive lets are not let via direct offers, rather they are let via a carefully curated shortlisting process. There is no requirement to allocate sensitive lets outside the choice-</p>

	<p>Sensitive lets are currently captured as a group requiring an annual quota requiring direct offers.</p>	<p>based lettings process. Therefore, this group will be removed from the current quota section.</p>
7.	<p>Housing & Medical (H&M) Points Assessment</p> <p>We currently aim to complete our H&M assessment within 21 working days.</p> <p>We also suspend applicants from bidding on receipt of request until the assessment is completed.</p>	<p>Amend</p> <p>Amend the assessment target to 28 days from the time that all relevant information has been received.</p> <p>Applications will remain active during the assessment process, allowing applicants the ability to continue bidding during the process.</p>
8.	<p>Harassment and Violence Group The above group currently</p> <p>The above reasonable preference group covers community and personal safety including domestic abuse which is not referred to in the title. The policy refers to households fleeing domestic violence.</p> <p>Points are removed every six months unless re-verified.</p>	<p>Amend Domestic Abuse, Harassment and Violence Group</p> <p>Split Group D points into D1 and D2 to separate domestic abuse from other forms of violence and harassment.</p> <p>Refer to Domestic Abuse in line with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.</p> <p>Remove lower award 75 points award for domestic violence and abuse so all cases in this group are awarded 600.</p> <p>Add 75 points award for main duty households in TA following becoming homeless as a result of abuse.</p> <p>The basis for priority points award will regularly be re-verified, however the points will not be removed during this process.</p> <p>Add specific reference to refuge within the group D points award eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Clarify that DA survivors are exempt from residency criteria unless placed in TA by another LA and it is safe to return there.</p>

9.	Group E: Additional support needs Vulnerable Camden residents with support needs and in receipt of a Care Programme Approach (CPA) plan are awarded 200 housing points.	Amend Changes to mental health services have seen the phasing out of CPA resulting in making the current housing guidance criteria for enhanced points award redundant. The proposal is to replace CPA with the NHS mental health care clustering criteria – awarding 200 points to those residents allocated to clusters 7 and above, who are vulnerable with support needs.
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