

Applicants who agree to a mutual exchange and move into unsuitable housing

Applicants with a pre-existing medical condition who agree to a mutual exchange and move into a social rented home which does not meet their needs will be deemed to have deliberately worsened their housing conditions and not be awarded a health and wellbeing priority. The Council will provide advice and assistance to help the applicant find another place to live. This will include help to find a private rented home through Enfield's Fresh Start rent deposit Scheme.

Applicants receiving disability and other related benefits

Applicants who are entitled to disability benefits will not receive an automatic award of health and well-being priority. Applicants will be assessed in accordance with the Allocations Scheme/

Health and Wellbeing Priority with Definitions:

Health and Well-being Priority will be only awarded to applicants who have been assessed as needing to move to an alternative council or housing association home.

The priority level and definitions are set out below:

Priority Level	Suggested Definition
High	Urgent need to move This is where the applicant's current living conditions: • put the applicant's life at risk* if they do not move, or • causes the applicant to be completely housebound and they would regain substantial independence if an alternative property were made available, including needing a level access home because the applicant is a wheelchair user. *risk to life here does not include terminal illness or illnesses that involve unpredictable crises
Medium	An applicant's living conditions are unsuitable but their need to move is less urgent and not life threatening but if left unresolved, their quality of life will deteriorate
Low	The applicant's living conditions cause them difficulty in carrying out their daily activities but this is neither life threatening nor would greater harm or progression of the illness be caused if they did not move.
Zero	One of the following applies: • Applicants current housing situation has no adverse impact on the health issues presented, or • A move would offer no improvement; or a solution other than moving into a social rented home is available, e.g. the adaptation of the current home, a move to a private rented home.