

Applicants in Group 6 seeking a home for older people

The process of assessment of and prioritising applications for homes for older people has to include measuring an applicant's housing need as well as measuring their need for housing-related support. The latter also includes an assessment of health and well-being needs. Having both types of assessment ensures that the applicant fits the criteria for Supporting People (SP) funding which funds the services in homes for older people schemes. SP funding requires compliance with the Supporting People Quality Assurance Framework (SPQAF).

Local lettings plans will be put in place for schemes for older people during the 12 months following this Allocations Scheme coming into force. The aims of each scheme's local lettings plan include maintaining an appropriate mix of housing support needs which can be catered for in each scheme to ensure the health and well-being of all residents and staff.

The following paragraphs set out how housing need and housing-related support needs for sheltered housing applications are measured.

Measuring Housing Need

To measure Housing need, an applicant for sheltered housing should be able to say 'Yes' to one or more of the following types of circumstances:

Group 6 - Housing Need	
Circumstances	Classification of these circumstances
The applicant has an 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 • cause the applicant to be completely housebound and they would regain substantial independence if an alternative property were made available. *risk to life here does not include terminal illness or illnesses that involve unpredictable crises	High