



Priority for Mobility Rated Properties

Housing Options – Procedures Manual

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Purpose

To facilitate housing applicants with accessible housing need into suitable properties, and to make best use of adapted stock.

Process

- 1.1 Properties which are fully wheelchair adapted, or with some level of adaptation such as a walk-in shower or ramp, or ground floor properties with completely level access or one or two steps or stairs, will be advertised with the appropriate Mobility Level as per the HomeOption User Guide:

Level 1 – Suitable for people who use a wheelchair indoors and out.

Level 2 – Suitable for people who cannot manage steps or stairs and may use a wheelchair some of the day.

Level 3 – Suitable for people only able to manage 1 or 2 steps or stairs.

- 1.2 The mobility level is normally set by the housing association when loading the property on to HomeOption, but the allocations team can discuss a suitable mobility level being added to a property if it seems appropriate, particularly for GF properties. The assigned mobility level is a guideline only.

- 1.3 The advert for such properties should contain the statement "Priority will be given to applicants with assessed mobility needs".
- 1.4 The procedure is applied to the first 10 eligible applicants that have 100 points or more on the shortlist.
- 1.5 Within these applicants, those with a mobility level set following a recommendation from the Council's Medical Adviser will be identified and prioritised according to their level of points.
- 1.6 The Council applies this procedure only to the first 10 eligible applicants that have 100 points or more on the shortlist in order to balance housing need against the best use of housing stock.