

Proposed revisions to the CDC Housing Allocation Scheme 2025

Proposed revision	Rationale
<p>Section 4.3. Care Leavers – The definition of a care leaver for the purpose of the Housing Allocation Scheme has been revised to mirror the definition in new regulations.</p>	<p>Legislation or Guidance Change The Allocation of Housing (Qualification Criteria for Victims of Domestic Abuse and Care Leavers) (England) Regulations 2025 require local authorities to refrain from applying any local connection criteria to care leavers. The definition and local connection criteria in our Housing Allocation Scheme has been updated to mirror the definition of care leavers in the new regulations.</p>
<p>Section 4.9.3 – Local connection criteria for care leavers – Care leavers have been added to the list of applicants who will be treated as meeting the CDC local connection criteria</p>	
<p>Section 4.9.3 – Local connection criteria for victims or survivors of domestic abuse - a victim or survivor of domestic abuse who needs to move for reasons connected with that abuse has been added to the list of applicants who will be treated as meeting the CDC local connection criteria</p>	<p>Legislation or Guidance Change The Allocation of Housing (Qualification Criteria for Victims of Domestic Abuse and Care Leavers) (England) Regulations 2025 require local authorities to refrain from applying any local connection criteria to any victims or survivors of domestic abuse who needs to move for reasons connected with that abuse.</p>
<p>Section 5.1.1 – Band 1 Categories – Statutory Homeless Households – this section has been amended to make clear that Band 1 should only be applied to those who are owed the relief duty when it is likely that they will be owed the main housing duty once the relief duty comes to an end.</p>	<p>Clarity for applicants This was the intention of the revised CDC Housing Allocation Scheme however the current wording is slightly ambiguous and can therefore lead to different interpretations.</p>
<p>Section 11.2 – Deliberately worsening housing circumstances - wording that was contradictory and too open to interpretation has been removed, so that this section no longer refers to disregarding any acts carried out in good faith.</p>	<p>Clarity for applicants The intention was to not reward applicants with higher priority if they have deliberately worsened their housing circumstances. Allowing applicants to do this with no consequence if they claim to have acted with good intentions is too contradictory.</p>