



REQUEST 17441

1. Does your local authority routinely consider people living with HIV to have a priority need for social housing?
 - a. What criteria do you use to determine whether a person living with HIV has a priority need for social housing?
 - b. Do you use the MHCLG “Homelessness code of guidance for local authorities” to assess whether a person living with HIV has a priority need for social housing?
2. Does your local authority have the sufficient time and resources to assess the priority need for social housing of a person living with HIV?
3. Are there further resources or guidance that do not currently exist that would help your local authority assess if a person living with HIV had a priority need for social housing?

RESPONSE

1.
 - a. We assess an applicant’s priority on the housing register based on individual circumstances and housing need. Additional priority can be awarded on medical grounds if a person’s accommodation no longer meets their needs due to a medical condition and it is evident that this is adversely affecting their health and wellbeing.
 - b. Yes
2. Yes, assess everyone’s circumstances on a case-by-case basis and if someone has HIV, we consider how this impacts on their vulnerability and ability to cope when facing homeless. We may consider evidence from other professionals, to help make any decision.
3. Not at this stage.