



Request

The average age of residents in sheltered accommodation in Mealhouse Court Vs the average age of all sheltered accommodation in Wigan borough.

There is no specified age in the "Allocation Policy" revised version 2024. for any Sheltered accommodation, the term "usually older" is the only specification. I would like to know what is the general min age utilised for this type of accommodation so as to maintain equilibrium of such communities.

Response

Sheltered Accommodation criteria is aged 55 or older, with a preference being given when allocating properties to those who are over 60. For example, if there were 2 people who bid on a property, with the same circumstances, who both met the criteria for the property, then the property would be offered to the person over 60 in the first instance.

On limited occasions, we do relax the age criteria, however this would be for specific reasons relating to the individual circumstance, examples being whereby the individual property is suitable for a person with health needs and who's needs cannot be met in other types of accommodation with availability.

All applicants for Sheltered Housing need to undergo a suitability assessment to ensure their needs can be met by the service and they are suitable for the type of accommodation