



**REQUEST 17732**

**RESPONSE**

1. How many people are on the housing waiting list for council accommodation in the Wigan Borough?
2. How long on average do people wait to be housed in the various housing categories and points allocation broken down
  - I.e. Length of wait category A, Length of Wait category B, Length of wait, category C.

12,228

Group A – 427 days (86 cases)  
Group B – 701 days (1055 cases)  
Group C – 548 days (24 cases)

Wigan Council operate a choice based lettings scheme whereby applicants are required to place bids on properties and we do not operate a waiting list as such.

The data provided for Question 2 is based on applicants that have been rehoused within the last 12 months.

The days quoted are not necessarily a true indicator of the time an applicant has been waiting to be rehoused as applicants don't always start to bid for properties from when they register their application and can remain inactive for a period of time before bidding for a property.

The time taken to be rehoused will also be based on a person priority on the housing register which can change from when they applied to when they are rehoused due to changes in circumstances. It also takes into account the type and location of properties, which affects the overall demand and number of bids placed.