

Appendix One

Minor amendments to the Lettings Policy relating to Local Connection

The current policy can be accessed here: [HDC Lettings Policy](#)

Policy Section	Current wording	Proposed wording
3.4 Connection to the Local Area Criteria		
3.4.4	<p>Retain wording in 3.4.1 a to i.</p> <p>j. The applicant is a care leaver from the County who has been placed (by Children's Services) outside the Council area; or</p> <p>k. There are special circumstances that the Council considers give rise to a local connection.</p>	<p>From 3.4.1 j replace with the following:</p> <p>j. The applicant is a care leaver assessed as an eligible, relevant, or former relevant child (as defined under Children Act 1989) aged 16 to 24 who has spent a period of, or periods amounting to, at least 13 weeks in care in England or Wales since their 14th birthday, including at least one day since turning 16; or</p> <p>k. The applicant is a person who is or has been a victim of domestic abuse carried out by another person and who needs to move for reasons connected with that abuse, including from accommodation initially occupied on a temporary basis; or</p> <p>l. There are special circumstances that the Council considers give rise to a local connection.</p>

4.6 Band A:

Urgent need Applicants with the following circumstances will be placed into Band A:

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b) Current supported housing resident

Applicants leaving Social Services care or other supported accommodation, and are ready to move to a permanent home of their own. This will be subject to the Council, Social Services (where applicable) and the landlord of the supported accommodation agreeing that the applicant is ready to move to their own home. If the applicant needs an on-going support package to allow them to live independently, confirmation that this will be put in place will also be required from the proposed support provider. The date that this priority is awarded (date in Band A) will be the date that the resident is ready to move to independent living, as recommended by their support worker. The decision to apply this priority will be made by the relevant decision-making process in the district where the supported housing is based.

b) Current supported housing resident and Care Leavers

Applicants who are ready to leave local supported accommodation or Care Leavers funded by Cambridgeshire County Council who are ready to move to a permanent home of their own.**

** This will be subject to the Partner Council, Social Services (where applicable) and the landlord of the supported accommodation agreeing that the applicant is ready to move to their own home. If the applicant needs an on-going support package to allow them to live independently, confirmation that this will be put in place will also be required from the proposed support provider.

The date that this priority is awarded (date in Band A) will be the date that the resident is ready to move to independent living, as recommended by their support worker. The decision to apply this priority will be made by the relevant decision maker in the district where the supported housing is based.

Supported Housing residents and Care Leavers who do not meet these criteria will be placed in the relevant housing factor within priority Band C (see 4.8).