

Allocations Breakdown April 2021 - March 2022

At the end of the year 2021/22, the Council had allocated 453 properties. The table below indicates the type of applicant that successful bids for properties were made to. The second table breaks down allocation by property type across all bandings.

Over the last two years we have started to see some changes to the type of person applying for Council accommodation and the general family make up. This trend towards young, single men is also mirrored amongst homelessness presentations and within the rough sleeping cohort.

Since the Covid restrictions ended we have seen a considerable rise in the number of homelessness enquiries and presentations to the authority, along with high numbers of applicants applying to join the Housing Register. This, together with the general cost of living increase, will mean that affordable housing will be at a particular premium in the coming years and will result in very long, and often unsuccessful, waits for our applicants.

Type	Lets	%
HOMELESS	259	57.2%
REGISTER	100	22.1%
TRANSFER	94	20.8%
Grand Total	453	

With respect to the lettings by band, we are still required to ensure that any household who is homeless or threatened with homelessness is prioritised for accommodation. In addition, the Council has a quota for transfer applicants to move into more suitable accommodation that meets their changing needs. The target for transfers is 25% of all lettings so we didn't meet this in 21/22 mainly because of the ongoing Covid restrictions and the requirement to direct let properties to homeless applicants. We are trying to ensure that additional properties are advertised only for Transfer applicants in the coming year.

Row Labels	Count of Prop Type
HOMELESS	259
1 BED FLAT	153
2 BED HOUSE	29
2 BED FLAT	28
3 BED HOUSE	16
HIGH RISE	9
1 BED BUNGALOW	9
BEDSIT	6
2 BED BUNGALOW	3
4 BED HOUSE	2
3 BED FLAT	2
1 BED BUNGALOW	1

3 BED BUNGALOW	1
<u>TRANSFER</u>	<u>94</u>
1 BED FLAT	41
2 BED HOUSE	12
2 BED FLAT	10
3 BED HOUSE	10
1 BED BUNGALOW	8
BEDSIT	7
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2 BED BUNGALOW	3
3 BED BUNGALOW	2
3 BED FLAT	1
<u>WAITING LIST</u>	<u>100</u>
1 BED FLAT	34
2 BED FLAT	16
HIGH RISE	12
2 BED HOUSE	11
1 BED BUNGALOW	7
3 BED HOUSE	7
BEDSIT	5

It is interesting to note that the majority of properties allocated are flats and that the supply of houses remains particularly low.

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