

Warrington Housing Association

When you apply for a home with us you will be placed in one of four bands, these are:

Band A

- Homeless or about to become homeless within the next 28 days. If you are homeless or homeless within the next 28 days and in priority need, you will need to apply to the Housing Advice Service of Warrington Borough Council as they may have a statutory right to re house you. It is unlikely we will be able to help you if you are homeless, as we do not have properties that are empty and that are available quickly. The Housing Advice Service can be found in the Gateway, 89 Sankey Street, Warrington, phone- 01925 246868 or email housing advice@warrington.gov.uk
- Severe medical grounds- for example if you are unable to get up stairs or you have an extreme medical condition which means you cannot use basic facilities in your home. Strong medical evidence will need to be provided.
- Severe social grounds- for example if you are suffering harassment or are at risk from serious violence or abuse. Again we would need evidence from police or other agencies involved. If you are a WHA tenant we must have followed our internal harassment procedures.
- Those who need to be discharged from hospital and need housing for this discharge to take place.

Please note that you can only remain in band A for 12 weeks- if within this time you do not accept a suitable offer you will be placed in a lower band. If an offer has not been made we will review the case.

Band B

- Less serious medical grounds for example where your medical condition is made worse by your housing circumstances. An example would be if you were finding it difficult to use stairs. Other minor conditions which are affected by your housing circumstances will not fall into this category.
- Less serious social grounds e.g. risk of harassment but risk is less than those in band A.
- Under occupation- this only applies to WHA tenants who are giving up a family house to move into a smaller apartment or bungalow.
- Multiple grounds- You must have more than one of the following:-

-Overcrowding

-Insecure tenure such as lodging, living with family & friends or assured short -hold tenancy

- Sharing with non family members

- Severe financial hardship

- Minor medical or social problems

- Moving to give or receive support

-Older person who cannot manage the upkeep and repairs of their home

Band C

- Single need – any one from list above

Band D

- All applicants from outside the area
- Any applicant who does not have any housing need or doesn't fall into any of above categories
- Applicants with capital of more than £85,000 or applicants who are able to purchase something suitable for their needs.