

# Allocations Policy Review 2023 - 24

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### **Consultation Document**

# **Policy Changes**

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#### Introduction

Cannock Chase District Council (CCDC) aims to provide the right homes to the right people.

A key tool in achieving this aim is its Allocations Scheme (or Policy). CCDC, like all local authorities, is required by law to ensure it has a scheme which meets its legal obligations and enables it to determine priorities and procedures when allocating social housing, including how the Council decides who should have priority for those properties that are available.

The Allocations Policy sets out the aims, objectives, priorities and processes to which the Council will work when allocating empty properties to applicants and transferring tenants, in the context of the nature and availability of social housing within the district and how the local housing market has changed since it was last reviewed.

It also aims to set objectives to ensure that the Council provides an efficient, responsive and customer focused allocations and lettings service incorporating choice and accessibility, in conjunction with our partners.

CCDC is undertaking a comprehensive review the Policy, to ensure it remains up to date, relevant and reflects the challenging environment in which it works.

This document is intended to provide an outline of the key changes which are proposed, subject to consultation with:

- Colleagues in the housing team and more widely across the district
- Partners we work with, including all those whom the Allocations Policy directly affects or whose assistance and support we rely on to help us in our efforts to provide an allocations service to best effect
- Applicants, Tenants and Private Landlords of Cannock Chase district
- Other parties who have an interest or who wish to comment (the public)

#### The document sets out:

- the key (major) changes that are proposed
- a more detailed list of all changes to the policy
- the key consultation questions we are asking
- the timetable for consultation and process for implementation of this policy
- how to provide feedback to us

#### **How to Respond**

We will take account of all views received before the policy is finalised and welcome your involvement.

The 6 week consultation period runs from 17 November 2023 to 5 January 2024.

You can either provide responses using the consultation table starting on page 8 of this document (or the word version of that table on our website) and email your responses to <a href="mailto:serviceimprovements@cannockchasedc.gov.uk">serviceimprovements@cannockchasedc.gov.uk</a>

Or complete the short survey available at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/C2BPLHJ">https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/housing-allocations</a> or via this QR code



Deadline for responses is 5pm on 5 January 2024.

Any other responses or comments please send to serviceimprovements@cannockchasedc.gov.uk

If you have any queries about the policy review or how you can get involved, please do not hesitate to contact Peter Griffiths, Assistant Tenancy Services Manager on 01543 464 329 or by email: <a href="mailto:petergriffiths@cannockchasedc.gov.uk">petergriffiths@cannockchasedc.gov.uk</a>

We are very grateful for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

# **Key (Major) Policy Changes**

This table sets out the major changes affecting applicants proposed to the policy, the key section of the proposed and current policy related to the change<sup>1</sup> and why these have been proposed.

Koy Change / Koy Sections of Bolicy	Why have we proposed this change?
Key Change / Key Sections of Policy  1. Qualification: Proposed (Section 11): Most applicants will have to have lived in the district for at least 2 years before applying for housing with the	Why have we proposed this change?  There is overwhelming and growing demand for Council housing compared to the amount of housing available.
Council.  Current (Section 6): This was previously 12 months.	We need to have a scheme which is fair to and which prioritises residents with housing needs who live in the district at the time they apply for housing with us
2. Determining Priority - Cumulative Need: Proposed (N/A): This has been removed.	This is complex and unnecessary and can be unfair to some applicants.
Current (Section 8): Applicant priority was previously assessed in a cumulative way	We have fairer means of assessing additional priority through our medical and social (welfare) needs assessments.
3. Medical and Welfare (Social) Need Assessments Proposed (Section 12 and Annex 1): We have made the way we assess these additional housing needs and the reasonable preference criteria related to them clearer  Current (Section 7+): This information was not as explicit	Medical and social needs assessments are an important part of assessing an applicants housing need and the impact of their current accommodation on their health and wellbeing.  We have made this clearer to ensure that decisions are more clearly understood and consistent in relation to the preference criteria
4. Adapted Properties Proposed (Section 15): We have improved the information provided to be clearer about the processes we use in relation to adapted properties and applicants who need properties with adaptations.  Current (N/A): Information about adapted properties was limited	Demand for adaptations and adapted properties is rising meaning we are making more difficult decisions about competing applications for vulnerable people in challenging circumstances.  The Council is reviewing its Adaptation Policy and Procedures and these changes help set out the allocations related processes in a clearer way.
5. Refusal (offers of accommodation) Proposed (Section 22): Applicant banding will be re-assessed on refusal of each reasonable offer of accommodation  Current (Section 18): Applications placed in abeyance after 3 refusals	Given the high level of demand for housing, refusals of reasonable offers of accommodation are unfair to other applicants. In addition, refusals use up the limited resources of the Council where these could be better used to help vulnerable applicants. This change is therefore fairer, while enabling reasonable refusal to continue

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Other sections of the policy may also refer to the issues. The principal section(s) only are shown in this table Page | 4

# **Proposed Changes - Section by Section**

The table below sets out other significant changes (minor wording changes excepted) to the policy, section by section.

Section and Title (Proposed Policy)	Comments on Proposed Changes		
Section 1 - Introduction	Updated - more up to date introduction to the		
Whole Section - Section Updated	proposed policy		
Section 2 - Aims and Objectives			
Whole Section - Section Updated	Updated - current social housing environment		
Section 3 - Statutory Framework and Legal			
Principles			
Whole Section - Section Updated	Updated - revised legislative framework		
Section 4 - Protection of public funds	Sets out the allocation of accommodation as a		
ALL - Section Added	use of public funds		
Section 5 - Eligibility and Qualification			
5.1. What is an allocation?	Added reference to nomination to another LA		
5.2(f) Allocations which are excluded	Added reference to 'Management Transfers'		
5.3 Ineligibility of persons from abroad	Added reference to relevant regulations		
5.14 Situations Allocation Policy Not Applied	Added reference to legislative circumstances		
Section 6 - Service Standards	Sets out the principles of how all CCDC staff		
ALL - Section Added	are expected to engage with customers		
Section 7 - Equality Policies and Practice	Sets out the Council's approach to equality		
ALL - Section Added	and ensuring no groups are disadvantaged		
Section 8 - Data Protection and Privacy	Sets out the Council's approach to the GDPR		
ALL - Section Added	and Data Protection and Customer Rights		
Section 9 - Choice Based Letting (CBL) -			
Principles			
9.2(a) Principles - existing tenants	Added requirement that normally Introductory tenants required to have been a tenant for 12 months or more to apply to move.		
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9.3(c) Qualification for an allocation	Added 'current arrears' as a factor to consider when deciding an applicant's eligibility.		
9.7(e) CBL scheme principles	Added reference to using direct offers to make a suitable allocation outside the CBL scheme		
Section 10 - Eligibility	Added reference to employee eligibility and		
10.7 Applications from Employees	associated declarations of interest		
Section 11 - Qualification			
11.1(a) Qualification Criteria	Amended to 2 years - key change 1. above		
Section 11.1 - Qualification Exceptions			
11(a) (ii) & (iv) Residency	Amended text related to applicants moving		
	under 'Right to Move'2 legislation and granting		
	a tenancy to applicants aged 16 or 17		
	Added exception for Independent Living		
11.1 (b) Independent Living Accommodation	applicants		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Further text has been added to the notes at the end of 11.1 (after point f) to clarify a cap of 4 Right to Move applications p.a. Page | 5

	Additional text to clarify this exception
11.1 (d) (i) Homeless Applicants/Duty	radiional text to dainy this exception
	"Revision to 'high' medical priority from
11.1.(d) (ii) Owner Occupiers	'medium or high' and new equity restriction
	related to applicants for Independent Living Accommodation"
11.1.(e) Members of the armed forces	Accommodation
Tr. T.(c) Wellibers of the difficultions	Added reference to (the applicant or) their
	spouse/civil partner
11.1.1 - 11.1.5 People on an Application	
	New Text to clarify people who will be
Section 11.2 & 11.3 - Non Qualifying -	accepted on applications as applicants  Re-written sections on applicants who will not
Rent Arrears / Unacceptable Behaviour	qualify due to rent arrears (11.2) or
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Section 12 - Reasonable and Additional	, , ,
Preference	
12.1 (f) & (g), 12.2 (whole section) Medical and	Significant Changes - key change 3. above
Welfare (Social) Needs <sup>3</sup> Section 13 - Determining Priority Bands	
13.2 (d) Cumulative Need	Deleted - key change 2. above
Section 13 - Determining Priority Bands	, ,
13.4 (whole section) Band One +	Significant re-wording to define the criteria for
	all assessing applicants as band 1 + status
13.5 (a) (b) (c) (d) (h) & (i) Band One AND	Significant re-wording to reflect changes to the
13.5.1 Downsizing / Adapted Homes Band 1	criteria for awarding Band One status
(House/Bungalow)	_
42.C (b) Living in upoets on upoepitom, bousing	De handed to Dead Tive from Dead One
13.6 (h) Living in unsafe or unsanitary housing conditions (Band 2)	Re-banded to Band Two from Band One
Conditions (Band 2)	
13.6.1 Downsizing from a flat or maisonette	Re-wording to reflect this as a Band 2 priority
13.7 and 13.8 (whole sections) Band 3 / 4	Amendments to reflect revised banding criteria
Section 14 - Assessment Criteria 14(i) (v - viii) Reduced Preference	Amended and additional wording to show where the applicants circumstances or
14(i) (v - viii) Reduced Freierence	behaviour could result in reduced preference
Section 15 - Property Eligibility	25.147.04. COMIC TO COMIC III TO COMO DI CITOTO I COMIC III TO COMO DI CITOTO I COMIC III TO COMO DI CITOTO I COMIC III TO
15.1- 15.6 Property Type / Eligible Households	Additional wording throughout to reflect
-	additional bedroom size criteria
Section 15 - Property Eligibility	Additional Coation loss shares 4 also
15.7 - 15.18 Adapted Properties  Section 16 - Additional Property Eligibility	Additional Section - key change 4. above  Additional criteria to make best use of stock
Criteria	which in responding to changes or patterns of
16.5 - 16.7 Other additional criteria to make	demand which mean the usual criteria is
the best use of housing stock	ineffective
Section 17 - Excluded Properties /	
Management Moves / Right to Move	No significant amendments

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 $<sup>^3</sup>$  Associated wording in other sections (esp. 13&14) has also been amended to reflect the changes proposed at section 12 Page  $\mid$  6

Section 18 - Nomination to Registered	
Providers	No amendments
Section 19 - Local Lettings Policies (LLPs)	Substantial additional explanatory text to show
19.3 - 19.11 Application of local letting policies	how LLPs will be applied at CCDC
Section 20 - Making an Application	
20.1 (c) List of required information	Simplified list of identification and other information required from applicants
20.7 Housing Register Review	Amended wording about how the Council will review the waiting list or close it temporarily to ensure housing needs are being met
Section 21 - Making an Allocation	
21.1 Direct Offers of accommodation	Amended wording to make this clearer
21.8 Quarterly Review of Allocations Quotas	New approach to ensuring the fair allocation of stock across all housing need priority bands
Section 22 - Refusals	Amended wording - direct offers can be made
22.1 Direct offers to homeless applicants	at any time to certain homeless applicants
Section 22 - Refusals	
22.2 Re-banding of applicants who refuse	Amended proposal - key change 5. above
reasonable offers of accommodation	
Section 23 - Review of Decision /	
Complaints	
23.2 Review procedure - right to review	Amended list of decisions which applicants can ask for a review of
23.3 - 23.3.4 Making a complaint	Amended text to explain where a complaint is different from a review and applicant right of referral to the Ombudsman services
Section 24 - False Statements and	
Withholding Information	No amendments
Section 25 - Closed Application	New section to explain when applications will
25 Whole Section - Closing Applications	be closed and the right to review / re-apply
Annex 1 - Medical Priority	
Medical priority and subsequent priority banding decisions	New operational guidance framework to help officers make decisions on whether (and what) medical priority should be awarded
Annex 2 - Length of time in priority band	New guidance on reviews (and extending)
Review of applicants in priority bands one and two over time	applications in priority bands 1 and 2 after 6 month

This table sets out the key consultation questions for each area of the proposed policy where we have made major or notable changes. We would welcome your views on these questions (or as many of these questions as you wish), any other points related to these changes you have and on the proposed revised policy as a whole. It may be useful to refer to the revised proposed policy document to understand the actual detailed wording, context or links to other areas of the policy to which these questions relate.

Section and Title	What this means for ap-	What we want your views	Response
(Proposed Policy)	plicants	on?	-
Section 1 - Introduction	General Information	No formal consultation - please	
Whole Section - Section Updated		comment if you have any observations	
Section 2 - Aims and Objec-		No formal consultation - please	
tives	General Information	comment if you have any ob-	
Whole Section - Section Updated		servations	
Section 3 - Statutory Frame-			
work and Legal Principles		No formal consultation - please	
Whole Section - Section Updated	General Information	comment if you have any observations	
Section 4 - Protection of public	General Information	No formal consultation - please	
funds		comment if you have any ob-	
ALL - Section Added		servations	
Section 5 - Eligibility and Qual-			
ification	If an applicant is nominated to		
5.1. What is an allocation?	another local authority for re-	Is this reasonable?	
	housing, this counts as an allo- cation of housing		
		Is our wording on this sufficient	
5.2(f) Allocations which are ex-	In exceptional cases, with hous-	to make this clear to appli-	
cluded	ing needs sitting outside the nor-	cants?	
	mal criteria, allocation of housing	Should any amended wording	
	can be made by the Council out-	be provided to clarify this?	
	side other criteria		
		N/A	

5.3 Ineligibility of persons from abroad	Clarity on regulations which apply	N/A	
5.14 Situations Allocation Policy Not Applied	Clarity on other legislation which applies		
Section 6 - Service Standards ALL - Section Added	Sets out the principles of how all CCDC staff are expected to engage with customers	No formal consultation - please comment if you have any observations	
Section 7 - Equality Policies and Practice ALL - Section Added	Sets out the Council's approach to equality and ensuring no groups are disadvantaged	Does this provide effective information to set out how the Council ensures equality in its allocations processes?	
Section 8 - Data Protection and Privacy ALL - Section Added	Sets out the Council's approach to the GDPR and Data Protection and Customer Rights	Does this provide effective information to set out how the Council handles data and the customer rights which apply to it?	
Section 9 - Choice Based Letting (CBL) - Principles 9.2(a) Principles - existing tenants	To apply for a transfer, any intro- ductory CCDC tenant will nor- mally have to have lived in their council home for 12 months or more.	Is this requirement fair? If no, in what circumstances is it not fair?	
9.3(c) Qualification for an allocation	Any 'current arrears' owed will be considered in deciding whether an applicant is eligible for rehousing.	Is this requirement fair? If no, in what circumstances is it not fair?	
9.7(e) CBL scheme principles	All offers of accommodation will only be made through the CBL	No formal consultation - this is text to clarify the operation of	

	cumstances including direct of- fers of a particular property	direct offers set out in other sections of the policy	
Section 10 - Eligibility 10.7 Applications from Employees	Employees, Councillors (and their close relatives) may apply for housing but this will be subject to an appropriate declaration of interest	Are there any factors we have not considered in relation to such applicants to ensure fairness in the policy?	
Section 11 - Qualification 11.1(a) Qualification Criteria	With limited exceptions, housing applicants will not qualify for rehousing until they have lived in the district for at least 2 years prior to their application	Is this fair in the context of the current housing environment we are in? Are there any other exceptions that should be included in this section?	
Section 11.1 - Qualification Exceptions 11(a) (ii) & (iv) Residency	The 2-year qualification will not apply to applicants with a "Right to Move" Applications will not normally be accepted from anyone aged 16 or 17	No formal consultation - legislative requirement Are there any particular exceptions to this the Council should consider?	
11.1 (b) Independent Living Accommodation	The 2-year qualification will not apply to applicants wishing to move to independent living accommodation	Are there any reasons this exception should not apply?	
11.1 (d) (i) Homeless Applicants/Duty	The 2-year qualification will not apply to homeless applicants where the Council has accepted a duty to re-house them.	No formal consultation - legis- lative requirement Is this fair to applicants?	

11.1.(d) (ii) Owner Occupiers	Owner occupiers with health- related housing needs will need to reach the 'high' medical assessment threshold to be eligible, where their application does not meet one of the other acceptance criteria. Also, owner occupiers applying for Independent Living	Should we consider any other	
	Accommodation will only be eligible if the equity released from sale of their current home is £80,000 or less.	circumstances in relation to this criteria?	
11.1.(e) Members of the armed forces	The qualifying criteria related to members of the armed forces is extended to their spouse or civil partner, as if they were the applicant	Is this fair to applicants?	
11.1.1 - 11.1.5 People on an Application	ple may and may not be accepted on applications as applicants, based on their age or relationship to each other	Are these criteria reasonable? Should we consider any other persons to be eligible or ineligi- ble?	
Section 11.2 & 11.3 - Non Qualifying	Applicants with current or former rent arrears or where there is ev-	Is this fair to applicants?	
ifying - Rent Arrears / Unacceptable Be-	idence of unacceptable behav-	Should we consider any other	
haviour	iour in their current or former	categories or criteria in relation to this?	

	exclusion panel and if appropri-	Should we approach these is-	
	ate, be deemed ineligible to be	sues in any different way?	
	rehoused		
Section 12 - Reasonable and	We have significantly amended	Is this information sufficiently	
Additional Preference	the wording and information pro-	clear to provide greater under-	
12.1 (f) & (g), 12.2 (whole sec-	vided to applicants who may	standing of the process? If not,	
tion) Medical and Welfare (So-	have medical and/or welfare	how should it change?	
cial) Needs4	housing needs about how we		
	will consider and apply (or not	Are there any other factors or	
See Also Annex One below	apply) increased priority banding	considerations we should give	
	as a result of medical or social	to medical and/or welfare need	
	needs assessments	assessments?	
Section 13 - Determining Prior-	Housing needs will now be as-	Are there any reasons why we	
ity Bands	sessed only through priority	should consider not deleting	
13.2 (d) Cumulative Need	bands, along with medical and	this in the policy?	
	welfare need assessments.		
	Housing needs will no longer be		
	cumulated to override the band-		
	ing priority awarded.		
Section 13 - Determining Prior-			
ity Bands	Homeless applicants in the most		
13.4 (whole section) Band One +	critical circumstances will re-	Are there any other circum-	
	ceive preference over homeless	stances or criteria we should	
	applicants whose circumstances	consider in relation to this for	
	are urgent but less severe	homeless applicants?	
13.5 (a) (b) (c) (d) (h) & (i) Band	Applicants in urgent need; or	Is this fair to applicants?	
One AND	who are releasing a house or	Are there any other circum-	
	bungalow larger than they need	stances or criteria we should	
	or a home with adaptations they	Started of official we should	
	or a normo with adaptations they		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Associated wording in other sections (esp. 13&14) has also been amended to reflect the changes proposed at section 12

13.5.1 Downsizing / Adapted Homes Band 1 (House/Bunga- low)	no longer need, will be placed in Band one	consider in relation to priority band one?	
13.6 (h) Living in unsafe or unsanitary housing conditions (Band 2)	Applicants living in conditions (as defined by the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS)) where there is a high risk of harm to the applicant (but who are not homeless) will be placed in Band two.	Is this fair to applicants? Are there any other issues or criteria we should consider in relation this?	
13.6.1 Downsizing from a flat or maisonette	Applicants downsizing from a flat or maisonette (not a house or bungalow) will be placed in Band two  Applicants who do not meet the	Is this fair, in the context where flats and maisonettes are in lower demand than houses and bungalows?	
13.7 and 13.8 (whole sections) Band 3 / 4	criteria for Band One or Two will be placed in priority Band Three and Four	Are the criteria we set out for Bands Three and Four reasonable and fair to applicants? If not, what do you consider needs to be amended or added?	
Section 14 - Assessment Criteria 14(i) (v - viii) Reduced Preference	Applicants previous behaviour, housing history and financial circumstances (affordability) can be considered in deciding whether to exclude or give reduced preference to their appli-	Is this fair to applicants? Are there any amendments to the criteria set out or additional criteria we should take account of?	
Section 15 - Property Eligibility	cation		

15.1- 15.6 Property Type / Eligi-	We have clarified how we as-	Are our assessment criteria ap-	
ble Households	sess the number of bedrooms	propriate?	
	an applicant needs	If not, how should they change?	
Section 15 - Property Eligibility	We have improved the infor-	Is this information sufficiently	
15.7 - 15.18 Adapted Properties	mation provided to be clearer	clear to provide greater under-	
	about the processes we use in	standing of the process? If not,	
	relation to adapted properties	how should it change?	
	and applicants who need proper-	_	
	ties with adaptations.	Are there any other factors or	
		considerations we should make	
		related to adapted properties	
		and / or applicants with adapted	
		housing needs?	
Section 16 - Additional Prop-	We can change the criteria ap-	Are the criteria we set out rea-	
erty Eligibility Criteria	plied for any of our housing	sonable and is this fair to appli-	
16.5 - 16.7 Other additional crite-	stock where is in low demand	cants?	
ria to make the best use of hous-	(for the period such low demand	If not, how should it change?	
ing stock	exists) to make best use of our		
	stock		
Section 17 - Excluded Proper-		No formal consultation - please	
ties / Management Moves /	No significant amendments	comment if you have any ob-	
Right to Move		servations	
Section 18 - Nomination to		No formal consultation - please	
Registered Providers	No amendments	comment if you have any ob-	
		servations	
Section 19 - Local Lettings	We may from time to time apply	Are our local lettings policy cri-	
Policies (LLPs)	restrictions or other criteria to	teria fair and reasonable to ex-	
19.3 - 19.11 Application of local	the letting of homes tailored to fit	isting tenants and applicants?	
letting policies	local situations in well-defined	If not, what should we change?	
	communities		
Section 20 - Making an Appli-			
cation			

20.1 (c) List of required information	We have simplified the list of identification and other information required	Is the list reasonable? If not what should be added, deleted or amended?	
20.7 Housing Register Review	Each Year we will review all applications and from time to time, we can close the waiting list temporarily to ensure housing needs are being met	Are these fair and reasonable steps to ensure housing needs are being met and that we are managing up to date applicant information? If not, what should we consider amending?	
Section 21 - Making an Alloca-			
tion 21.1 Direct Offers of accommodation	We will make some direct offers of accommodation in limited circumstances particularly to homeless applicants in temporary accommodation	Is this provision reasonable and fair to applicants who may be affected? If not, why and what do you consider needs to be amended?	
21.8 Quarterly Review of Allocations Quotas	We will consider quotas for each priority band when advertising empty homes if we are unable to allocate homes across bands as part of our normal policy. This option will be reviewed quarterly and if used, the application of this feature will be reviewed after 12 months of this policy becoming effective.	Is this approach fair and reasonable to all applicants? If not why not?  Are the proposed quotas appropriate?  What do you consider, if anything needs to be amended about this feature, the quotas and/or review proposals?	
Section 22 - Refusals			
22.1 Direct offers to homeless	Offers to homeless applicants		
applicants	can be made at any time where		

	the Council considers that it	Is this fair to homeless appli-	
	needs them to move on from	cants affected? If not, what	
	temporary accommodation	should be amended?	
Section 22 - Refusals			
22.2 Re-banding of applicants	Applicants who refuse reasona-	Is this fair to both the applicant	
who refuse reasonable offers of	ble offers of accommodation	directly affected and all other	
accommodation	may be re-banded (be given	applicants? If not, why and	
	lower preference) as a result of	what do you consider needs to	
	their refusal; in the case of 3 of-	be changed?	
	fers being refused their applica-	Should we consider any other	
	tion may be placed in abeyance	factors in regard to offer refus-	
	for 12 months.	als?	
Section 23 - Review of Deci-			
sion / Complaints			
23.2 Review procedure - right to	Applicants have a right to ask for	1	
review	a review of all key decisions re-	clear and comprehensive? If	
	lated to their application	not what amendments or addi-	
		tions are needed?	
	Applicants can make a com-		
23.3 - 23.3.4 Making a complaint	plaint about poor service in rela-	Is this information sufficiently	
	tion to their application (in addi-	clear and comprehensive? If	
	tion to the right of review)	not what amendments or addi-	
		tions are needed?	
Section 24 - False Statements		No formal consultation - please	
and Withholding Information	No amendments	comment if you have any ob-	
		servations	
Section 25 - Closed Applica-	Applications can be closed	Is this fair to applicants? If not,	
tion	where the applicant is no longer	what needs to be amended?	
25 Whole Section - Closing Ap-	eligible, does not keep us in-		
plications	formed/review their application		
	and other limited circumstances		

Annex 1 - Medical Priority	This Annex provides a new op-	Is this information sufficiently	
Medical priority and subsequent	erational guidance framework to	clear to provide greater under-	
priority banding decisions	help officers make decisions on	standing of the process? If not,	
	whether (and what) medical pri-	how should it change?	
See also Section 12 above	ority should be awarded	-	
	-	Are there any other factors or	
		considerations we should give	
		to medical and/or welfare need	
		assessments?	
Annex 2 - Length of time in pri-	Applications awarded priority	Is this fair to applicants in	
ority band	bands one and two will be re-	Bands One and Two? If not,	
Review of applicants in priority	viewed (and may be extended)	what do you consider needs to	
bands 1 and 2 over time	after 6 months	be amended?	

#### **Any other comments:**

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