

- Past health issues and the extent to which the applicant's symptoms have been controlled or improved by treatment
- The reasonableness of putting in place 'in-situ' solutions such as aids and adaptations to enable the applicant to continue living in their present home

The Medical Assessment Officer may recommend a particular type of home that is suitable for the applicant.

A Housing Officer within the Housing Options and Advice Service will consider:

- An applicant's financial and other resources
- The availability of 'in-situ' solutions such as aids and adaptations to enable the applicant to continue living in their present home
- The availability of alternative housing solutions, including private rented homes

Poor Quality homes and Disrepair

The Council is committed to improving poor quality housing, whatever the tenure. Our Private Sector Housing Team can arrange property inspections, and can offer advice and support to owners and landlords on how to make homes safer. Where necessary, they will take enforcement action. This may include issuing a statutory notice ordering the landlord to undertake the work to repair the home. Where the landlord does not carry out the repairs, the Council may carry out the works in default or take action to prosecute the landlord.

Where there is disrepair and the applicant states that the health and well-being issue is related to the poor state of repair of the property then the Council will expect the property owner, landlord or Agent to remedy the disrepair.

Where possible, we encourage tenants and occupiers to stay in their homes.

If an applicant's housing is assessed as being of poor quality, including hazards identified under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System, we will award five points.

Applicants who move into unsuitable housing and request housing assistance from Enfield Council

Applicants with a pre-existing medical condition who move into a private rented home that does not meet their needs will be expected to find alternative private rented homes. This provision in the Allocations Scheme is designed to prevent applicants from deliberately worsening their housing conditions to take advantage of the health and well-being criteria to enhance their housing priority. In these cases, no health and well-being priority will be awarded. The Council will provide advice and assistance to help the applicant find somewhere else to live.