

- For applicants needing a two bedroom home the council will make a direct offer if no bids have been placed within 6 months after the date of receiving help and support.
- For applicants needing a home with 3 or more bedrooms, the Council will make a direct offer if no bids have been placed within 9 months of receiving help and support.

Making direct offers will be subject to the availability of homes for letting.

Maximum Number of bids an Applicant can place in one week

Applicants may bid for a maximum of 3 properties per week.

If an applicant places more than 3 bids, only the first three made will be considered.

Bidding for the right home

All applicants must take care when selecting and bidding for homes.

Before bidding for a vacant social rented home an applicant must consider the following issues to ensure the home they thinking of bidding for meets their needs:

Things to think about will include:

- Recommendations made by the Council following a Health and Wellbeing assessment. Any medical and/or disability needs of the applicant or someone in their household must be considered.
- Ease of access to a child's school
- Ease of access to any care or support needed by the applicant or someone in their household
- Ease of access to work
- Ability to afford the rent using earned income or benefits. Further information Affordability is set out in Appendix 8 which also includes information on budgeting tools.
- Access to local transport including buses and trains
- Applicants wishing to place a bid are strongly advised to: