

## Points/Grades Awarded

### S.N.D. Type B/Grade A (Outright)

Rehousing now on health grounds:

- Homeless/cannot go home, **or**
- Housing severely affects health/causes extreme difficulty/danger to themselves or others , **and**
- Severe illness and disability, **and**
- Rehousing should absolutely improve situation.

### 20 Points/Grade B (Very High)

Rehousing urgently

- Severe illness and disability, **and**
- Housing significantly affects health/causes significant difficulty/danger to themselves or others **and**
- Rehousing should significantly help situation.

### 15 Points / Grade B/C (High need)

### 10 Points / Grade C (Moderate need)

### 5 Points / Grade D (Marginal need)

### 0 Points / Grade E (No need or not eligible or rehousing will not benefit).

## Medical Priority

### Patient & Professional Information

The aim of this leaflet is to give you information about Medical Priority (MP)

Medical priority (MP) is an award of points or grades within Council Housing Departments'/Housing Associations' Allocation Policies.

The Medical Advisory Service (MAS) advises the Housing Provider on MP. MP is considered in respect of **any** household member.

### **MP does not apply**

- To overcrowding, neighbourhood / environmental disturbance, harassment of any type, house maintenance, condensation and dampness.
- Even where these issues are considered to affect health.
- **Unless** there is a previous documented history of enduring mental health.

### **MP applies where:**

- There are permanent, serious, medical/physical problems **and**
- There are internal aspects of housing which cannot be altered or adapted, **and**
- It is considered that rehousing<sup>1</sup> will help a household members' independence, or help prevent further deterioration in their, or their carer's, medical condition.

### **Vulnerable, In Priority Need on Medical Grounds**

Where applicants are, or may be homeless, the MAS may advise that they could be considered under **homeless legislation**, if there is no specific housing need. The decision to award priority rests with Homeless Officers.

### **Applicants with Special Needs**

Applications to any landlord<sup>2</sup> may be referred to Special Needs Committees<sup>3</sup>, where a household member

- Has an enduring mental illness.
- Has learning disability.
- Has completed/may require rehabilitation for substance/alcohol abuse.
- Other needs, such that support may be required to help manage the tenancy.
- May require Very Sheltered Housing/Housing with Care.
- May require fully adapted housing.

**Where successful tenancies are likely to be dependent on community support, decisions will depend on receipt of assessments and care plans.**

### **Queries/Reviews**

Applicant's queries should be directed to the relevant Housing Provider.

Applicants, or persons acting on their behalf, can ask for the decision to be reconsidered or reviewed.

- A **reconsideration** is on the present submitted information only.
- A **review** is where further information is submitted.

<sup>1</sup> A recommendation for a specific area will **not** be made unless there is a very strong case for doing so on health/welfare benefit grounds.

<sup>2</sup> A few Housing Associations hold their own nominations, but most Special Needs applications go through Committee.

<sup>3</sup> With affected household member's informed consent.