

Response to Request for Information

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Housing Register

Request:

I am seeking information on application numbers and waiting lists for your council's housing register. Could you send me answers to these questions:

- 1 How many households are currently registered on your housing register (and actively seeking a home)? [8,374 at 10/11/16](#)
- 2 How many households applied to join your housing register in the 2015-2016 financial year? [5,678. City of Wolverhampton City Council operates an open housing register and everyone who applies and is eligible will be included.](#)
- 3 How many of those households were accepted onto the register? [5,664](#)
- 4 How many of those applicants were turned down? [14](#)
- 5 What were the main reasons why they were turned down? [Exclusion on grounds of fraud or ASB](#)
- 6 What are your council's local connection requirements? [2 years, exceptions if there is an emergency or urgent need on social or medical grounds or there is firm offer of employment. Local connection requirements does not apply to serving regular forces, bereaved spouse or civil partner of those serving in the regular forces and existing or former members of the reserved forces who are suffering from a serious injury, illness or disability attributed to their service. Anyone who applies and they do not meet any of the above they are registered but assessed with lesser housing priority.](#)
- 7 How many households on your housing register are transfer tenants seeking transfer to a new property? [2,261](#)
- 8 Does your council make direct offers of social housing? If Yes, how many direct offers were made in the 2015-2016 financial year? [No](#)
- 9 From what bands/points ranges are people on your housing register most likely to be made an offer of council housing? [Offers are made to applicants from all bands. CWC operates a choice based lettings scheme, the time an applicant can wait to be successful with an offer of accommodation is dependent on the](#)

number of homes coming available for letting, the property type that they are eligible for, the location of the property and demand for it.

- 10 In those “most likely to be made an offer” bands/points ranges:
What was the median waiting time for an eligible household in 2015-2016 for:

- A one bedroom home

Emergency Band	Band1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4l	Band4n
26	182	149	231	150	290

- A two bedroom home

Emergency Band	Band1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4l	Band4n
47	260	259	153	164	329

- A three bedroom home

Emergency Band	Band1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4l	Band4n
34	199	342	250	218	311

- A four bedroom home

Emergency Band	Band1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4l	Band4n
46	583	981	846	1,772	1,531