

Response to Request for Information

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Wheelchair Accessible Properties

Request:

1. How many council owned wheelchair accessible properties are there in total your local authority area? i.e. combined number of properties that are occupied and unoccupied.
84 with ramp access
137 with widened door
 - a. What standard is your local authority using for determining if the property is wheelchair accessible?
Under building regulations we generally build to Cat 2 (e.g. Sunset Place) for accessible and Cat 3 for wheelchair accessible (e.g CaSSH properties)
2. What is your area's policy for providing temporary accommodation for applicants who require wheelchair accessible accommodation?
City of Wolverhampton Council has no written policy in relation to temporary accommodation and access for households with disabilities.
 - a. If there is no written policy, could you please provide information as to what your area might do in these types of situations?
Currently temporary accommodation for people who are in a wheelchair consists of an adapted property within our 16 bed scheme.
3. How many applicants requiring a wheelchair accessible property are on your waiting list?
54
4. How many unoccupied wheelchair accessible properties are there currently available for bidding in your local authority area?
4 x new build wheelchair accessible properties (2 x 3 bed house with vertical lift and 2 x 3 bed bungalows)

3 x wheelchair accessible bungalows (2 x 2 bed and 1 x 3 bed)

1 x 3 bed house with vertical lift

1 x 3 bed house (with 1 bed downstairs plus wet room)

We also have 3 x 3 bed houses with stairlifts suitable for clients with a mobility disability.

5. Does your local authority operate a policy whereby people registering on your Housing Register must have lived within the local authority area for a minimum period of time?

- a. If yes, how long is this period?

Anyone applying for housing that has not lived within the City for 24 months (unless there is an Emergency or urgent need to move on medical or social grounds or the applicant or a member of the household is seeking employment in the City and has a firm offer of employment) will be placed in band 4 (lowest band) and will only be considered after applicants in higher bands have been exhausted.

6. How many people were registered as homeless or required homelessness prevention in your local authority area in the past 3 years, and of those how many were disabled people with a long term health condition? (please break down by year)

	Homeless Cases	Long Term Disability (mental health/physical)
2013/2014	1,043	41
2014/2015	1,384	36
2015/2016	1,326	29