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| | An applicant will be placed in Band 1 if: They need to be moved by the Council or Housing Association within three months for redevelopment or major repairs. |
| | They need to move to larger accommodation to become a foster carer (as recommended by Children and Young People's Services). |
| | They are a Council or Housing Association tenant and are under occupying accommodation by at least 2 rooms. |
| | They are severely overcrowded in that they are at least three bedrooms short. HN (Housing Need - see what if I have more than one need) |
| | They are a provider of the Branchout Supported Lodgings scheme as confirmed by the Childrens and Young People Service, and require a larger property in order to perform this role. |
| | They do not come within any of the categories already reflected within the scheme, but have an exceptional and urgent need to be rehoused within three months. |
| | They or a member of their household has a serious and/or life threatening physical or mental health problem which is directly linked to their current housing. There is an urgent need to move to a different type of housing or area in order to enable the applicant (or household member) to function independently and safely. HN |
| | They have learning difficulties or mental health issues and has been accepted by Health and Social Care onto their Community Support Accommodation Scheme. |
| Band 1 | They are a BHP tenant occupying a property with major adaptations for which they have no further requirement. This priority will be awarded so long as the adaptations within the property are appropriate to both the property and locality of the property. |
| | They are in hospital and have somewhere to but it is unsuitable for their medical needs and cannot be made suitable through adaptations due to cost, structural difficulties or the property cannot be adapted within a reasonable amount of time. |
| | They meet The Housing Act 1996 (Additional Preference for Armed Forces) (England) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/2989) and one of the reasonable preference categories in band 2. |
| | They are a care leaver and have been agreed by Bristol's Care Leaver |

| | Service as being ready to move on from External Supported Accommodation. |
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| | An applicant will be in band 2 if: They are severely overcrowded in that they are two rooms short of their bedroom entitlement. HN |
| | They qualify for the Move-On scheme. |
| | They qualify under the Supported Lodgings Scheme and is ready to move to independent social housing. |
| | The household urgently needs to move due to domestic abuse, violence or other harassment and is at significant risk of harm. HN |
| | They are owed a full homelessness duty by Bristol City Council under Section 193(2) of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended by the Homelessness Act 2002). |
| Band 2 | They are a care leaver by the Children Leaving Care Act 2000 and Bristol is the responsible authority and they have been assessed by Bristol's Care Leaver Service to be in need of accommodation. |
| | They qualify under the Key Ring supported living network as confirmed by the Key Ring supported living manager and requires rehousing in order to move into their network. |
| | They are a Bristol City council or housing association tenant and are under-occupying their current accommodation by one bedroom and that property is classed as being in high demand. |
| | They are occupying unsanitary or unsatisfactory housing conditions that are so serious, in terms of the threat posed to health and welfare, as to require rehousing. HN |
| | They are a Bristol Housing Partnership tenant who is overcrowded in that they are one bedroom short of their entitlement and an assessment has been carried out into their housing situation which shows there to be a Category 1 Space & Crowding hazard. HN |
| | They meet The Housing Act 1996 (Additional Preference for Armed Forces) (England) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/2989) and one of the reasonable preference categories in band 3. |
| | An applicant will be in band 3 if: |
| | They are one room short of their bedroom need. HN |
| | They need to move to a particular locality within the Bristol City boundary, where failure to meet that need would cause hardship to themselves or |

| | others. HN |
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| Band 3 | They are homeless but Bristol have not accepted a full duty |
| | They have a physical or mental health problem that is in part related to their current housing and could be helped by rehousing to a different type of accommodation or area. The property cannot be reasonably adapted and the problem does not meet the criteria for band 1. |
| | An applicant will be in band 4 if: |
| Band 4 | If an application does not meet any of the criteria set out in bands 1 -3 it will be assessed into band 4 |