

<b>FOI REF:</b>	15121
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#### Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

1. Does your local authority routinely consider people living with HIV to have a priority need for social housing? a) – What criteria do you use to determine whether a person living with HIV has a priority need for social housing? b) – Do you use the MHCLG “Homelessness code of guidance for local authorities” to assess whether a person living with HIV has a priority need for social housing?
2. Does your local authority have the sufficient time and resources to assess the priority need for social housing of a person living with HIV?
3. Are there further resources or guidance that do not currently exist that would help your local authority assess if a person living with HIV had a priority need for social housing?

Please contact me if you need me to clarify my request.

#### Response

**1. WCC will routinely consider people living with HIV to have a priority need, as with any medical condition. This will be assessed in line with the Housing Act, Code of Guidance and relevant case law. Officers will investigate on a case by case basis, requesting relevant medical records where necessary.**

**b) Yes, as above.**

**2. Yes, the council has sufficient resources to do this.**

**3. No, we consider all cases on a case by cases basis and would make appropriate enquiries as necessary.**

