

## Priority Need Categories

The following categories of applicants fall within the priority need categories:

- A pregnant woman;
- A person with whom a dependent child resides;
- A person who is vulnerable as a result of some special reason (for example: old age, physical or mental illness or physical or mental disability);
- A person who is homeless or threatened with homelessness as a result of an emergency such as flood, fire or other disaster
- A person who is homeless as a result of being subject to domestic abuse;
- A person who is aged 16 or 17;
- A person who has attained the age of 18, but not the age of 21, who is at particular risk of sexual or financial exploitation;
- A person who has attained the age of 18, but not the age of 21, who was 'Looked After', accommodated or fostered at any time while under the age of 18;
- A person who has served in the regular armed forces of the Crown who has been homeless since leaving those forces;
- A person who has a local connection with the area of the Local Housing Authority and who is vulnerable as a result of one of the following reasons:
  - i. Having served a custodial sentence within the meaning of section 76 of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000,
  - ii. Having been remanded in or committed to custody by an order of a court, or
  - iii. Having been remanded to youth detention accommodation under section 91(4) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012.