

Housing related support resource allocation tools

Working together with DCLG, Trailblazer representatives and Sitra, In Control has developed a needs framework and assessment questionnaire which can be used by Trailblazers to assist in resource allocation for Supporting People funding.

The tools provided below are to be used as a starting point and can be adapted in any way that Trailblazers feel is appropriate. They can be used as stand alone tools or as part of an integrated resource allocation system, with the wording altered accordingly.

Needs framework

The basic framework below provides a description of need by key characteristics.

	High	medium	low	none
Skills	No experience of Independent living	Some experience of tenancy failure	Struggling to live independently	Living independently successfully
Choices	An immediate need for support to make housing choices		A need for some support to consider long term housing choices	Settled housing arrangements
Risk to independence	An immediate threat of tenancy failure	Clear indications of a housing breakdown	Risk of Possible housing breakdown	No current threat of housing breakdown
Safety and Security in the home environment	A history of harm and a clear ongoing risk of continued harm to or from others	Some indicators of probable harm to or from others	Potential risk of harm to or from others	No risks of harm to or from others
Relationships	Supportive relationships have broken down	Supportive relationships are strained, there are signs of conflict	A lack of confidence in ability to maintain relationships	A range of supportive relationships
Taking part in community	High level of social isolation and exclusion from community opportunities	Occasional opportunities for social and community interaction	Some level of community engagement	Full active and ongoing participation in community

In order to determine the amount of resources to allocate, it is necessary to define the relative level of need by quantifying the amount of support required in each domain.

Therefore, the assessment questionnaire below is much more focussed on relative level of support in each domain, using the following suggested scale.

High	medium	low	none
Active and ongoing [daily]	Regular [more than once a week]	One off or occasional [no more than once a month]	No support

This approach, whilst not perfect, allows for local judgements to be made across a very broad spectrum of people and social circumstances, by defining the areas of life where support is needed and the amount of support that is required rather than focussing on the specific reason support is necessary for any one individual.

Assessment questionnaire

1. Skills To maintain the home environment undertaking day to day tasks, including budgeting, cooking, cleaning etc	My View	Advisors View	Points
A) I require active and ongoing support to develop and maintain a range of independent living skills. [Daily support]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
B) I require regular support to develop and maintain a number of independent living skills. [more than once a week]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
C) I require one off or occasional support to develop and maintain some independent living skills. [no more than once a month]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
D) I have good independent living skills and do not need paid support gain or maintain daily living skills. [no support]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0

Agreed Position	A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	D <input type="checkbox"/>
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Outcome: I am able to develop and maintain the skills I needs to live independently

2. Housing choices Making informed decisions in relation to housing options, including choosing where and who to live with.	My View	Advisors View	Points
A) I require active and ongoing support to make choices in relation to my housing. [Daily support]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
B) I require regular support to understand and make choices in relation to my housing. [more than once a week]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
C) I require one off or occasional support to understand and make choices in relation to my housing options. [no more than once a month]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
D) I am able to make informed choices about my housing. I do not require paid support to understand and make choices in relation to my housing options.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0

Agreed Position	A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	D <input type="checkbox"/>
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Outcome: I am able to make informed choices from a range of housing options.

3. Risk to independence Meeting housing responsibilities associated with independent living including tenancy, rent, mortgage commitments.	My View	Advisors View	Points
A) I require active and ongoing support to ensure I remain independent/ can meet my housing objectives [Daily support]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
B) I require regular support to ensure I remain independent/ can meet my housing objectives. [more than once a week]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
C) I require one off or occasional support to ensure I remain independent/ can meet my housing objectives. [no more than once a month]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
D) I am able to remain independent/ meet my housing objectives without paid support. [no support]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0

Agreed Position	A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	D <input type="checkbox"/>
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Outcome: I can remain independent and meet my housing objectives

4. Safety and Security Remaining free from harm and refraining from causing harm or disruption to others.	My View	Advisors View	Points
A) I require active and ongoing support to ensure I free from harm or I am not the cause of harm. [Daily support]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
B) I require regular support to ensure I am free from harm or I am not the cause of harm. [more than once a week]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
C) I require one off or occasional support to ensure I free from harm or I am not the cause of harm. [no more than once a month]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
D) I able to remain free from harm and avoid causing of harm without paid support. [no support]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0

Agreed Position	A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	D <input type="checkbox"/>
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Outcome: I am free from harm or I am not the cause of harm.

5. Forming and maintaining positive supportive relationships Family, friendships, community links.	My View	Advisors View	Points
A) I require active and ongoing support to form or maintain positive relationships. [Daily support]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
B) I require regular support to form or maintain positive relationships. [more than once a week]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
C) I require one off or occasional support to form or maintain positive relationships. [no more than once a month]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
D) I have a range of settled supportive and positive relationships. I do not need paid support to maintain positive relationships. [no support]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0

Agreed Position	A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	D <input type="checkbox"/>
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Outcome: I have developed and maintained a range of positive supportive relationships.

6. Taking part in and contributing to community. Including work leisure, learning, and other social opportunities.	My View	Advisors View	Points
A) I require active and ongoing support to take part in, and contribute to my local community. [Daily support]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
B) I require regular support to take part in, and contribute to my local community. [more than once a week]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
C) I require one off or occasional support to take part in, and contribute to my local community. [no more than once a month]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
D) I do not require paid support to take part in, and contribute to my local community. [no support]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0

Agreed Position	A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/>	D <input type="checkbox"/>
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Outcome: I am able to take part in and benefit from opportunities available in my local community.