

The Housing Executive will give you **10** points for each 'Other social need'. You can only be given points in four of these categories. If you have already received 'Primary social need' points for a particular situation, you can't get 'Other social need' points for that situation. For example, if the Housing Executive gives you 20 'Primary social need' points for harassment you can't get any 'Other social need' points for harassment.

You (or a member of your household) are having problems with your neighbours

The Housing Executive will give you 10 points if you are having a long running dispute with your neighbour and rehousing you will solve the problem.

You (or a member of your household) are being harassed but there is no risk of violence

The Housing Executive will give you 10 points if you are being continually harassed but you are not being threatened with violence. For example, hoax telephone calls or intimidation by young people in the street.

You (or a member of your household) have been a victim of burglary or vandalism and can no longer stay in your accommodation

The burglary or vandalism must have happened in, or near, your home.

The Housing Executive will ask for evidence from the police or another agency before giving you the points.

You have weekend access to your children but your accommodation is unsuitable

You will only get 10 points if:

- your children are under 16 (under 19 if they are in full time education)
- you only have staying, or weekend access to your children

The Housing Executive will ask for evidence confirming your access arrangements. Although the Housing Executive will usually ask for evidence from a solicitor or the courts, it will accept other evidence if you didn't go to court to arrange access.

Your accommodation is too expensive

You can get 10 points if you can prove you are unable to pay your rent or mortgage payments.

If you rent from a private landlord you may get the points if you are falling behind because of a housing benefit shortfall. If you are a homeowner you can get the points if your total housing costs (including mortgage repayments, rates, ground rent and building insurance) are more than 30% of your income before tax.

You are unable to maintain your accommodation

You can get 10 points if your home is too expensive or large to maintain. You can also get points if your home is falling into disrepair and you cannot afford to maintain it

You are damaging a member of your household's health by staying in their home

You can get 10 points if you can prove that you are damaging the health of someone you are living with.

The other person must be suffering from a serious or terminal illness, and must not be moving with you.

A close family member has recently died in your accommodation

You can get 10 points from the Housing Executive if you have suffered a recent bereavement.

There must be a link between your home and the bereavement.

