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The total number of properties allocated by the City of Edinburgh Council since the suspension of the Key to Choice advertising system in April 2025. 222

[This includes direct lets and mutual exchanges.](#)

A breakdown of these allocations by applicant priority group (e.g., Gold, Gold (medical), Silver, Bronze, Homeless, Medical Discharge).

[Gold 38, UEHN 11, Homeless 153, Overcrowded 5, Underoccupied 3, Waiting Time 12.](#)

What criteria are currently being used to allocate council housing since the suspension of the Key to Choice advertising system in April 2025?

[Homes that become vacant and are deemed accessible are initially passed to the Home Accessibility Referral Team to see if they are suitable for any applicants with Gold Priority. If there are no suitable Gold Applicants, they are passed back to the locality. Non accessible homes are sent with a direct allocation request from localities to the Temporary Accommodation \(TA\) Team. The TA team will then nominate homeless applicants that are in unsuitable accommodation or have been in TA long term.](#)

Please provide any internal guidance, policy documents, or decision-making frameworks used to assess applicants during this period.

[Please see attached.](#)

Are priority groups (e.g., Gold, Homeless, Medical Discharge) still being used, and if so, how are they ranked or weighted?

[Yes. Applicants will still be ranked in order of highest priority and longest waiting time if more than one applicant is suitable for the property.](#)