



Waiting for council housing – what are your options?

We want to be realistic about your chances of being housed/rehoused

Many people have told us that if they realised how long the wait for housing would be, they would have considered other options when they first applied – like swapping homes, renting privately, and downsizing.



There is lots of information about your housing options on our website:

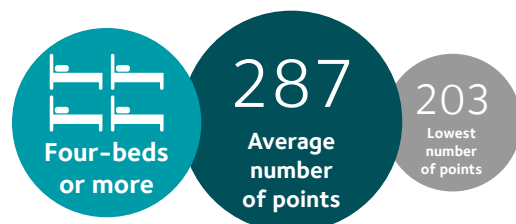
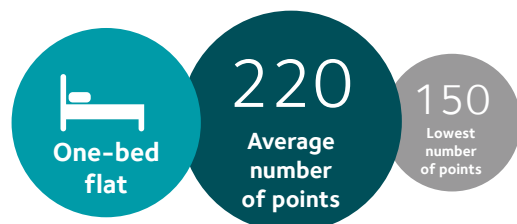
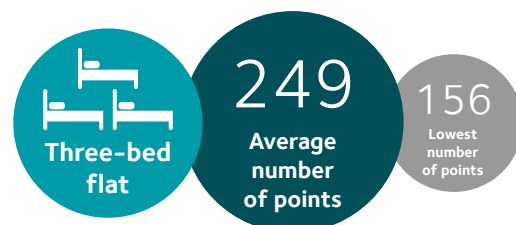
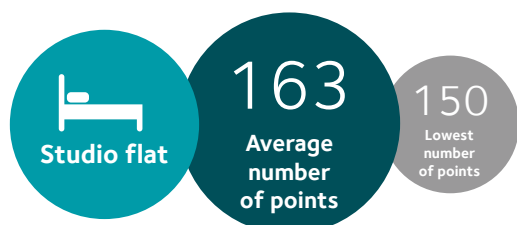
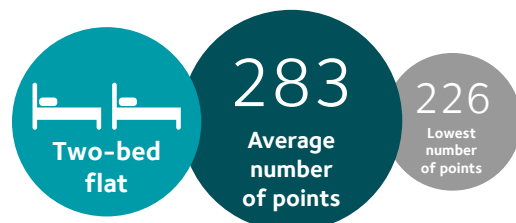
If you are a council or Housing Association tenant: www.islington.gov.uk/movinghome

If you are not a council tenant: www.islington.gov.uk/findingahome

If you are homeless or threatened with homelessness: www.islington.gov.uk/homeless



All properties that people on the Housing Register bid for were let for **150 points or more**. Here are the average number of points, and the lowest number of points that each property size was let for between **1 April 2015 -31 March 2016**:





Islington Council aims to help those people most in need...

- We aim to help people in the greatest housing need. We assess people's needs through our housing register points system.



There are over 20,000 people on Islington's Housing Register – and it's growing...

- Every year we receive over **3,000** new applications



Not many properties become vacant for letting every year...

- Only a small number of our properties become vacant for letting every year – last year we let **1,172** properties, housing just **6%** of people on the Housing Register



And many of our properties have just one bedroom...

- Of the 1,200 properties we let last year, **only half** were larger than one bedroom

Government policy changes are likely to restrict the number of properties available to let each year. We want to carry on letting as many homes as we can to people in need. That's why we are building new council homes, supporting tenants to mutual exchange with others, and freeing up family-sized homes by supporting tenants to downsize.