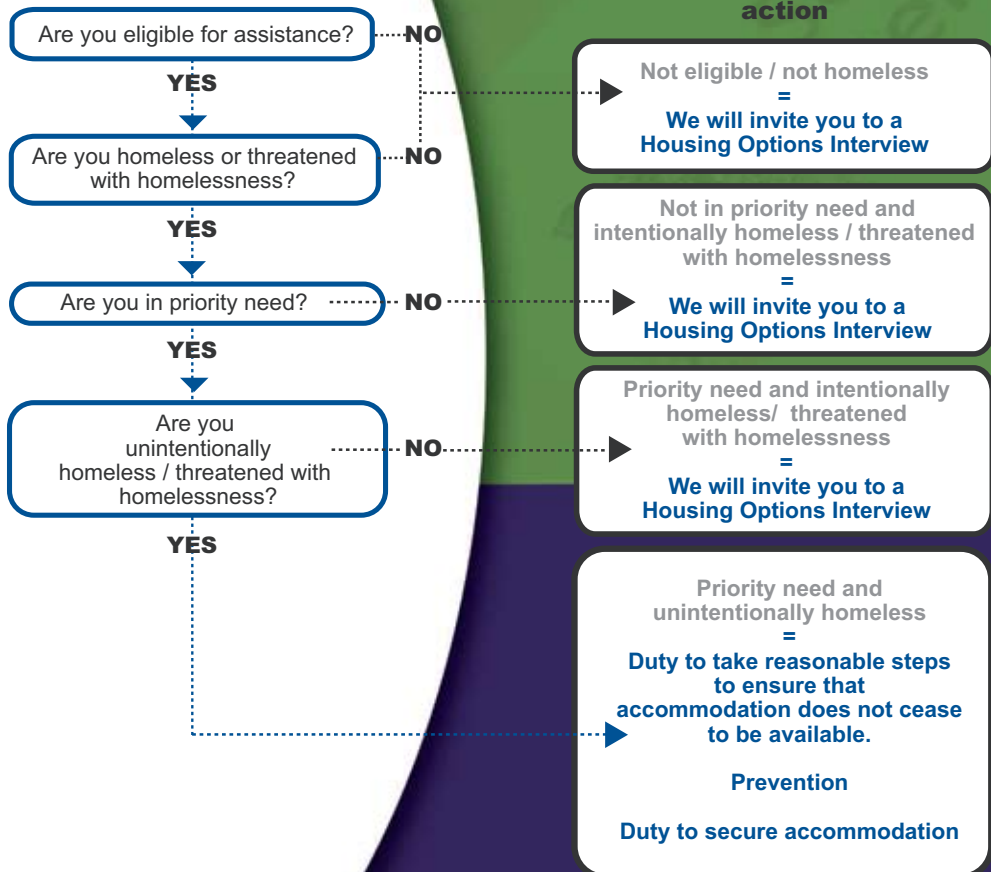




Your Homeless Declaration - What Happens Next?

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What does it all mean?

Eligibility

A person is not eligible for housing assistance if they are not:

- a British Citizen and/or do not have full rights to live here because of immigration status
- considered to be habitually resident in the UK

Homeless/ threatened with homelessness

A person is homeless if they have:

- no accommodation in the UK (or elsewhere) that is available for their occupation and that they have no legal right to occupy
- accommodation but cannot secure entry to it
- accommodation but it is a moveable structure for example a caravan or houseboat
- accommodation but it would be unreasonable for them to occupy it

A person is threatened with homelessness if they are:

- likely to become homeless within the next 28 days

Housing Authorities must not wait until homelessness is imminent before providing assistance.

Priority Need

A person is in priority need if they are:

- pregnant or if dependant children live or might reasonably be expected to live with them
- homeless or threatened with homelessness as a result of flood, fire or other disaster
- aged 16 or 17 and are not a relevant child or a child in need who would be covered by the Children's Act 1989 (except a person who is in full-time education and who's term-time accommodation is not available during vacations (relevant student)).
- aged under 21 and was looked after, accommodated or fostered between the ages of 16 and 18
- aged 21 plus and is vulnerable as a result of having been looked after, accommodated or fostered between the ages of 16 and 18
- vulnerable due to old age, mental illness, handicap, physical disability or special reason
- vulnerable as a result of being a member of HM regular Navy, military or armed forces
- vulnerable as a result of having served a custodial sentence; being committed for contempt of court for their offence, or being remanded in custody
- vulnerable as a result of ceasing to occupy accommodation because of violence, threats of violence or harrassment from another person that are likely to be carried out.

Intentionality

A person is considered intentionally homeless if they:

- deliberately did/did not do something which causes them to leave housing which they could otherwise have stayed in and it would have been reasonable to stay there

Local connection

A person has a local connection if they have: *(only 1 of these points must apply)*

1. lived in the area by choice for a certain time (usually for 6 of the last 12 months or 3 of the last 5 years)
2. a family connection in the area
3. a connection with the area for another special reason