

Appendix C

1.1 Calculated Bedroom Need

For the purposes of assessing applicants' bedroom need a separate bedroom is allocated to each of the following:

- The main applicant and spouse / partner
- Two children of either sex where they are both under 10 years of age
- Two children of same sex where there is an age gap of less than 10 years
- Two children of same sex where there is more than a 10-year age gap but where both are under 16
- An overnight carer

1.2 It should be noted that:

- A child will be considered to have a 'need' from birth
- A single adult within the household (who is not the applicant) would only be entitled to a separate room if there is no other person they can share with within the above list. However, an adult would not be expected to share a room with their own child.

1.3 In exceptional circumstances, such as a medical need, additional bedroom requirements may be considered. Children who are away from home, for example at university, will still be treated as part of the household provided that there is a clear intention to return.

A more detailed explanation is set out under the Housing Register section of the Housing Allocations Policy. [Housing Allocations Policy - Spelthorne Borough Council](#)