

**ST MUNGO'S POLICY ON USING COMMON HOUSING REGISTERS, COMMON ALLOCATIONS
POLICIES AND LOCAL LETTINGS POLICIES**

Common Housing Registers

1. Every St Mungo's resident who wishes to move on has to be registered on the Common Housing Register of the council in whose area they are living. This applies to council-run private rented schemes as much as to council-controlled social housing.
2. Since most of our residents are not considered a statutory priority, and since single homeless people enjoy less and less access to social housing, the overwhelming move-on destination is to the private rented sector.
3. Each council operates its registers slightly differently, and within this St Mungo's does what it can to maximise the opportunities for residents to move on to appropriate (and usually independent) housing.
4. Residents who have a history of rough sleeping (as evidenced through CHAIN) may in addition access move on housing through the Clearing House, an agency with access to permanent housing developed under government rough sleeper initiatives.

Common Allocations policies

1. The local authorities in whose areas we work organise referrals to St Mungo's projects from a pool of applicants, who might come from the streets, from b-and-bs, from hospitals, or from other supported housing projects. Unlike common allocations policies which enable applicants to make a single application to the council and housing association accommodation in an area, the route in to our housing stock is through a managed application process.
2. A key factor is that we do not have generic housing stock, but differentiated projects – differentiated according to the level of support available, and the “pathway” which they support.

Lettings policies

1. Access to St Mungo's properties is essentially controlled by the local authority in whose area the project is located. The exact mechanism varies from council to council, but takes account of the needs of the individual (so far as these have been ascertained), the level of support which the project can offer, and the “pathway” which the individual can follow.
2. Within this, St Mungo's has the right of veto where we believe there is a legal or safety issue, or other serious reason for refusing admission. We will not normally admit people with a concerning history of arson, violence or sex crimes.
3. The only types of project where St Mungo's is the sole decision-maker on admissions are our Registered Care Homes (where vacancies are “spot purchased” by local authorities, subject to price), and emergency shelters (which take referrals from street outreach teams).

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