Annex 1. Out of Area Placements Protocol

**Minimum standards of space and location**

The following minimum standards are required when accommodating households out of their existing local housing authority area.

**Space Standards**

* Rooms must have a minimum floor to ceiling height of at least 2.14 meters over not less than 75% of the room area
* Rooms must have a minimum width of 2.15 meters

**Sleeping Areas**

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| **Number of persons** | **Minimum sizes (square meters)** |
| 2 | 10.22 |
| 11/2 | 8.36 |
| 1 | 6.51 |
| 1/2 | 4.64 |

\***Taken from Homelessness Code of Guidance**

**\*Children under the age of one are not considered**

**\*1/2 - Children between the age of 1 and 10**

**Living Areas (including living rooms and kitchen diners)**

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| **Number of bedrooms in property** | **Minimum sizes (square meters)** |
| 2+ | 6.51 |
| 1 | 4.64 |

Separate living areas are not required in accommodation let as rooms or studio flats. However, such accommodation would be overcrowded according to the bedroom standard if let to families.

**Walking Distance to Convenience Store & Regular Transport Links for households reliant on public transport**

These maximum distances apply to households where no household members have mobility problems. Households with mobility problems may require closer access and this should be considered as part of suitability assessments.

* **Convenience Store**

Within 30 minutes by a combination of walking and public transport

* **Regular Transport Links**

Within 10 to 15 minutes to walk at a moderate pace

Service runs between 06:30AM and 8:30PM Monday to Friday