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Dear [name redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

1. *How many veterans do you house in temporary accommodation*
2. *How many homelessness applicants are made by veterans a) monthly b) yearly*
3. *How many applicants are made by veterans who you are unable to house?*
4. *Do you ask new applicants for housing whether they are a veteran?*
5. *If a veteran is applying without any local connection do you make any allowances?*
 - a. *If so, what?*

The response to your request as follows:

1. **None**
2. **We currently have 4 live applications for those who have been discharged from the Armed Forces**
3. **None – if they are veterans then they will be placed in Band 2 in line with our Allocations Policy and if they are discharged due to injury then they go in Band 1 – as long as they bid on accommodation through Finding a Home then they could be allocated a property**
4. **Below is the link to the Application Form and we ask for an Armed Forces Discharge Note as a form of evidence if someone is leaving or has left the armed forces**

http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/housing_docs/Housing_Register_Application.pdf

5. **Our Allocations Policy on Page 12 states the following**

“Serving Members of the Armed Forces, Reservists, bereaved spouses/civil partners of Armed Forces personnel that have to leave Service Family accommodation will be considered to have a local connection”.

The link to the policy is here

http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/housing_docs/Allocations_Policy_June2014.pdf

This sets out TBCs approach to housing veterans and how any applications submitted for housing will be banded

We have also signed up to the Staffordshire Armed Forces Covenant and this can be found here

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/community/armed-forces/Staffordshire-Armed-Forces-Community-Covenant.pdf>

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Yours Sincerely

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