## **Application for Almshouse Housing**

**Guidance Notes** 



### Please read these notes carefully before completing the Application Form

Each completed application is assessed against the eligibility criteria detailed below; after which, you will be notified in writing of our decision. We would kindly ask you to note that all eligibility criteria must be met in order to qualify for housing with us and submitting an application does not guarantee you will be accepted onto our Waiting List.

You will also be required to provide relevant additional information in support of your application, which is used to confirm your eligibility, plus determine any additional priority status for rehousing. It is important that you complete the form fully and provide us with all relevant information in order to avoid your application being delayed.

#### A. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for housing at the Wyggestons and Trinity Almshouses, applicants must:

- Be over the age of 60.
- Be in need of housing.
- Be living within Leicestershire or have a strong connection with the county (e.g. a close family member living here).
- Not have over £250,000 in assets (this is reviewed annually).

Should an application not meet all of the above criteria; the Application Form will not be processed and the applicant(s) will be notified in writing.

#### **B.** General Information

#### Please:

- Read the questions carefully and fill in every section of the form as fully as you can. If you think some parts do not apply, write N/A (not applicable) in the spaces provided.
- Make sure any information you provide is clear and precise, as this will be used to determine
  your priority level, which in turn could impact how long you will wait before receiving an offer of
  accommodation.
- Complete the Proof Document Checklist and send copies of any required documentation along with the Application Form.

Completed applications should be returned to:

The Admin Team | Wyggestons | Lancaster House | 160 Hinckley Road | Leicester | LE3 OUX



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#### **Data Protection Statement**

It is part of the Trustees' responsibility to ensure that applicants for almshouses are suitably qualified under the terms of the Charity's governing document. The personal data supplied on this form and other information relating to an almshouse appointment or your care management will be held on file. As the Charity reserves the right to investigate and verify the contents of applications, some details may be checked with relevant organisations, but all personal information will be handled sensitively and in accordance with current data protection regulations. You may have access to your personal information on request.

### D. What happens next?



**Application considered by the Charity** 

Our Admin Team will be in contact within 14 days of receipt to confirm eligibility

If eligible, you will be invited to attend an informal interview

Subject to interview outcome, you will be added to our Waiting List

As you will appreciate, we receive a large number of applications for only a limited number of properties and regrettably this means that there can be disappointment if applicants are not accepted onto our waiting list. It is important that we inform potential applicants that when properties become available, these are allocated based on need. If your housing situation is pressing, we would recommend you also contact other local almshouses and Housing Associations.

## **Proof Document Checklist**



Please send us **all** of the below listed documents that apply to you. Please note that some documentation may cover more than one area; in which instance, please provide one copy only, per person. Where a request is not relevant, please write in N/A, otherwise tick the box where documents are enclosed. Failure to provide all documentation will prevent us from processing your application.

<b>Right to Rent</b> Any applicant must have UK citizenship or indefinite/exceptional leave to remain in the UK with access to public funds. Please provide a copy of your passport or UK birth certificate.	
National Insurance Number Please provide a recent payslip, NI card, DWP/benefit/state pension letter, or any other official document that shows a NI number.	
<b>Proof of Address</b> Please provide proof of all addresses you have lived at, covering the last five years. This can be a bank statement, utility bill or any other official document with a name, address and date on it.	
<b>Proof of Savings/Financial Circumstances</b> Please provide copies of bank/savings account statements for all accounts held, dated within the last two months; and/or property valuation(s), sales brochure(s) and mortgage statement as appropriate.	
<b>Proof of Income</b> Please provide evidence of earnings (such as payslips or proof of earnings), pension or benefits, dated within the last two months.	



#### **Section 1: About You**

First Applicant	Full Name (inc. Tit	Full Name (inc. Title):		Date of Birth:	NI No.	
Second Applicant	Full Name (inc. Tit	Full Name (inc. Title):		Date of Birth:	NI No.	
Contact Details	Email Address(es): Phone Numb		mber(s):			
Current Address						
	Postcode:		How long h	ave you lived	d at this address?	
If you have lived a	t your current addı	ress for less tha	n 5 years, pl	ease provid	e previous addre	sses below:
Addres	SS	Date from	Date to	Name	and address of lan	dlord (if rented)
Next of Kin Details						
Person 1  Name: Relationship:						
Address:						
Phone Numbers:						
Email Address:						
Are they able to assist	in cases of illness of	r emergency? C	) Ves O No			



## Section 2; Where you live now

Property Details	Please give a brief description of the property y bathrooms, condition, etc.):	ou live in (e.g., number of bedrooms/
Current	Do you live in a non-domestic setting e.g Reside  Yes No	ential Home, Hostel, Hospital, etc.?
Residence	If you have answered <b>Yes</b> to the above, please give details:	
Renting	How long have you been a tenant at the property?	
	Full Name:	
Landlord Please note your landlord must be one of the referees provided in section 14.	Address:	
	Phone Number:	
2	What is your current rent? £	○ Weekly ○ Monthly ○ Yearly
Details  How much notice do you have to give?		



## Section 2; Where you live now (continued)

	What is the estimated sale value? £				
Home Owner	Do you have an outstanding mortgage/securd loan(s)?				
Home Owner	◯ Yes ◯ No I	f yes, what is	s the outstan	ding value? £	
	Have you taken out eq	Have you taken out equity release? £			
	Living Room:	Bedroom:		Kitchen:	Bathroom:
Current use	Yes	○ Yes		Yes	○ Yes
Do you currently	○ No	○ No		○ No	○ No
have exclusive use of the following?	If you have answered <b>No</b> to any of the above, please give details of how many people you share with:			many people you	
	Bath or Shower:		Please pro	vide details where appro	opriate:
	O Yes O No				
	Stairs:				
Housing Condition	Yes No				
Does your present	Adequate Kitchen Fac	rilities:			
residence have the following?	○ Yes ○ No				
3	Dampness or Condens	sation:			
	○ Yes ○ No				
	Any Serious Repairs P	Problems:	-		
	Yes No				
	Does your accommodation have special adaptations?				
	Yes No				
Adaptations	If you have answered \	<b>es</b> to the ab	ove, please g	give details:	



### **Important Information**

- When completing this section we would encourage you to tick as many accommodations as possible, in order to give you the best chance of being appointed to an almshouse property.
- We would ask you to note that appointments to properties are based on level of need, as opposed to time spent on the Waiting List and we therefore recommend that applicants consider all housing options available to them.
- Please note that single applicants will not be considered for 2 Bed properties, in line with our Allocations Policy.

## Section 3; Where you want to move to

William House Wyggestons	◯ 1 Bed Flat	2 Bed Flat		
Lancaster House Wyggestons	1 Bed Flat	2 Bed Flat	Please tick all options	
The Cottages Wyggestons	○ 2 Bed Bungalow		you would consider.	
Trinity Hospital	1 Bed Flat	2 Bed Flat		
Location	Ground Floor	First Floor	Second Floor	
and Access	Our William House, Lancaster House and Trinity Hospital locations are comprised of ground and upper floor accommodation. Please indicate your preference as to location, but please note we cannot guarantee availability.			



## Section 4; Your needs and support requirements

		First Applicant	Second Applicant
Wheelchairs  Do you have and use a wheelchair?	Yes, all the time		$\circ$
	Only indoors	0	$\bigcirc$
	Only outdoors	0	$\circ$
	No, never	0	$\circ$
Mobility	Walking	0	O
	Standing	0	$\circ$
Do you have any of the following mobility problems?	Climbing a step	0	$\circ$
	Climbing stairs	0	$\bigcirc$
Daily Living Do you need any advice, help or	Yes	0	0
support with daily living tasks (e.g. cooking, cleaning, washing, dressing)?	No	0	$\circ$



## Section 4; Your needs and support requirements (continued)

			First Applicant	Second Applicant
<b>Disabilities</b> Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 a person is considered to have a disability if they have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities. Do you consider that you meet this definition of disability?		Yes	0	0
		No	0	0
Agencies	a with T	Yes	$\circ$	0
Are there any agencies that provide you with care and support?  If yes, please provide details below.		No	0	$\circ$
Type of care/support provided:	provided: Company/O			
Contact Name:	Contact Pho	one Number:		
Social Workers  Do you have a named Social Worker?		Yes	$\circ$	0
Do you have a named Social Worker?  If yes, please provide details below.		No	0	$\circ$
Local Authority:				
Contact Name:	Contact Pho	one Number:		



## **Section 5: Your Health**

Medical Conditions Please list any medical conditions that you have.			
First Applicant	Second Applicant		

Allergies Please list any allegies that you have.			
First Applicant	Second Applicant		



Frequency

Amount

#### **Section 6: Your Income**

To enable the trustees to assess your application, please provide the following information. Please include details of all sources of income and state how frequently you receive them (e.g. weekly, monthly or yearly).

			-	
	State retirement pension			
Pensions	Pension paid by a past employer			
Pensions	Private pension			
	Widow's or widower's pension			
	Pension Credit			
Social Security Benefit	Universal Credit/Housing Beneift			
	Any other benefits			
Employment/Self-Employment If applicable, please inform us of your type of employment and hours of work.				
First Applicant Second Applicant				



## **Section 6: Your Income (continued)**

To enable the trustees to assess your application, please provide the following information. Please include details of all sources of income and state how frequently you receive them (e.g. weekly, monthly or yearly).

		Amount	Frequency
	Annuities		
	Bank Interest		
	Investments		
Other Income	Rental property or land that you own		
other income	Grants from a charity		
	Financial assistance from a relative/friend		
	From a trust fund		
	Any other income (please give details below)		
Other income details (if	applicable):		



## **Section 7: Your Capital**

First Applicant

Second Applicant

Bank/Building Society Accounts	Current Balance: £  if you have more than one account, please total all balances.	Current Balance: £  if you have more than one account, please total all balances.
Shares	Current Value: £	Current Value: £
National Savings (e.g. National Savings Certificates, etc.)	Amount Held: £	Amount Held: £
Unit Trusts/OEICs	Current Value: £	Current Value: £
Premium Bonds	Amount Held: £	Amount Held: £

## **Section 8: Your Borrowing**

Loans and Debts  Do you have any loans or other debts outstanding? If so, please provide details.			
First Applicant	Second Applicant		



## Section 9: Why you want to move to the Almshouses

Information Please give us as much information as possible to support your application.		



## **Section 10: Other Information**

Convictions  Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence? Please give full details below.			
First Applicant	Second Applicant		
Evictions  Have you ever been evicted from a tenancy? Please give full details below.			
First Applicant	Second Applicant		
Arrears  Do you have any outstanding rent arrears with your current or past landlords? Please give full details below.			
First Applicant	Second Applicant		



#### **Section 11: References**

Please provide two referees. One should be someone who is not related to you, but who you have known for at least three years. The other, must be your current landlord (where applicable).

Reference 1 Full Name	
Reference 1 Address	
Reference 1 Phone Number	
Reference 1 Email Address	
Reference 2 Full Name	
Reference 2 Address	
Reference 2 Phone Number	
Reference 2 Email Address	



## **Section 12: Assistance in completing this form**

If this form has been filled in by someone other than the applicant(s), please tell us why they are filling in this form.

Reason(s)	
Relationship to Applicant(s)	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Name of Person	
Signature of Person	
Date	

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#### **Section 13: Declaration**

I/we believe that I am/we are eligible to apply to live in one of the Charity's almshouses.

I/we declare that the information given in this application is correct and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/we understand that the Trustees would be entitled to terminate any appointment to an almshouse dwelling I/we may be allocated if my/our answers in this application form are untrue or misleading in any respect (for example, due to omitting or misstating relevant facts).

I/we have read this application form carefully and agree to abide by it should I/we be appointed to an almshouse.

I/we accept that if I am/we are appointed as a resident/residents I/we shall be a beneficiary/ beneficiaries of the Charity and not a tenant/tenants. Any weekly sum I/we pay will be a maintenance contribution and not a rent.

I/we confirm that I am/we are able to look after myself/ourselves and to live independently, with the assistance of family and social services if necessary.

First Applicant	Signature:	Date:
Second Applicant	Signature:	Date:

#### **Final Check**

Before sending us your application please ensure that you have completed all sections of the form and provided all relevant supporting documentation (see checklist on page 3).



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## Section 14: Approval (office use only)

CEO approval	O Yes	Signature:	
010 app. 0. a.	O No	Date:	
Comments/Queries:			



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