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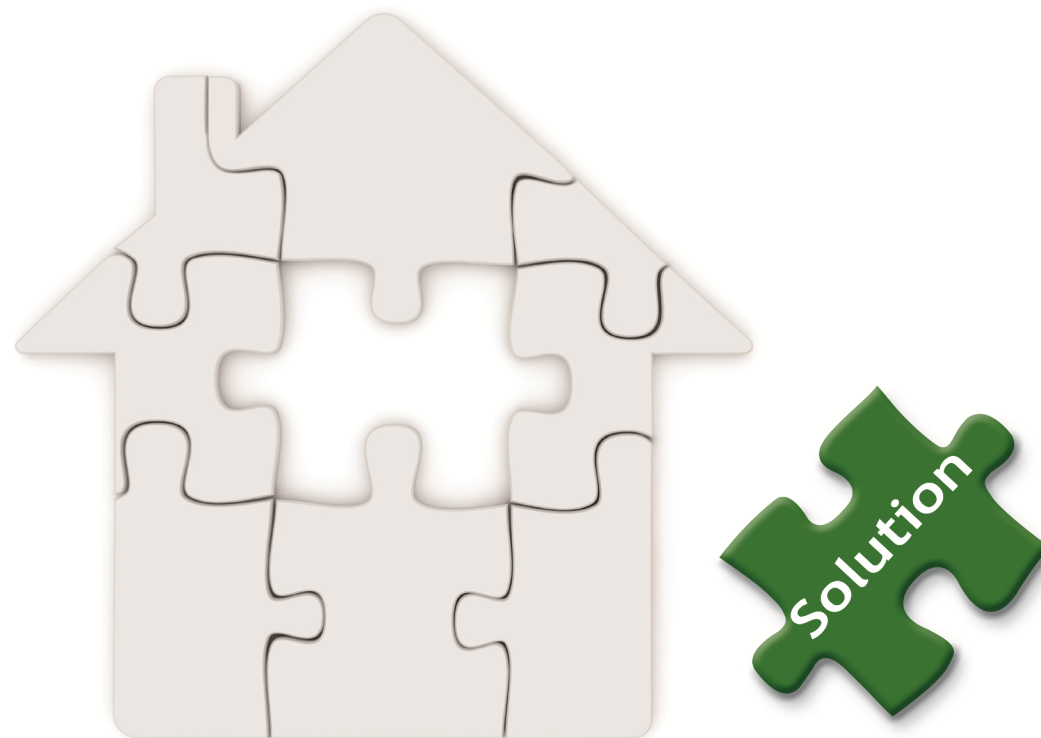
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The facts about getting social housing in Mendip
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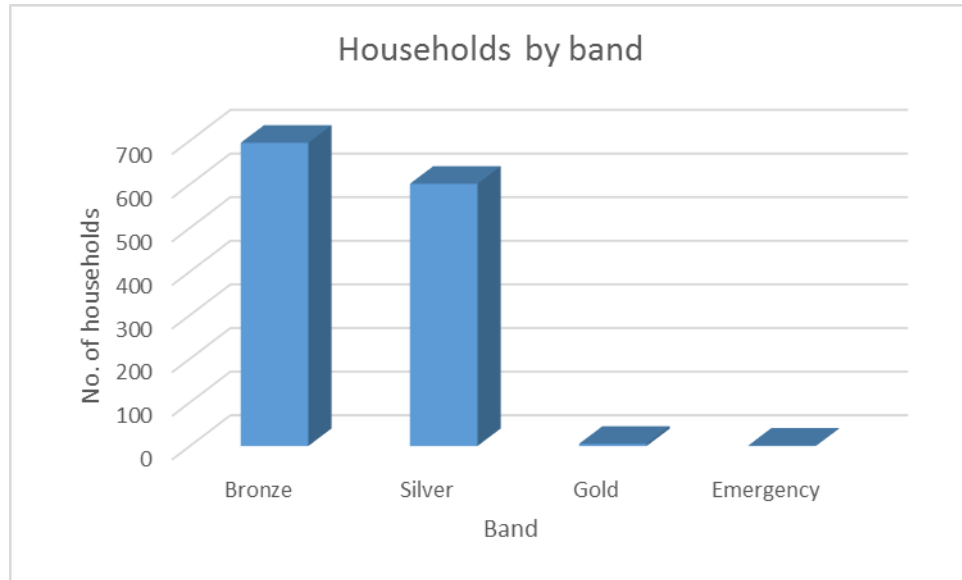
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The statistics

There are currently 1475 households in Mendip registered for social housing - broken down as follows:

A) by band



B) by bedroom need



During 2016, there were 356 social housing properties in Mendip allocated to applicants as follows:

	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed +	Total
Frome	45	50	16	2	113
Glastonbury	13	18	4	0	35
Shepton Mallet	20	23	9	1	53
Street	18	7	5	0	30
Wells	15	11	9	0	35
Mendip Villages	38	34	17	1	90
Total	149	143	60	4	356

Figures taken from Homefinder Somerset - January 2017

These statistics include general needs and supported housing.

What do the statistics show?

The statistics show that there is a huge demand for social housing and a limited supply in the Mendip area. Currently there are over four times the amount of applicants when compared to properties available. For applicants looking for 1 and 2 bed properties the demand is even greater.

The statistics also show that the supply of larger properties (4 beds or larger) is almost non-existent with only four larger properties allocated within the last year. Due to the large demand, social housing is not a quick solution to a housing problem and applicants are encouraged to be flexible on where they will live and actively look for a home in the private rented sector.

Applicants need to be aware that social housing has changed in recent years with social landlords now offering fixed term properties at higher rents rather than homes for life at low rents.