

Briefing note from the Strategic Housing Manager

The 2010 target to reduce temporary accommodation to a level of 13, measured against 31st December 2004 which was at a level of 26, thus halving the numbers.

The temporary accommodation we are currently using is Cotswold House, The Bridge and 3 properties under the New Progresses (HALS) housing association leasing scheme, Chorley Women's Refuge.

By changing the tenure of the current temporary accommodation namely the Bridge and the HALS scheme, it would allow the Authority to make use of the accommodation to prevent homelessness occurring. Assured Short Hold tenancies run for a minimum period of 6 months, any applicant agreeing to enter into such a tenancy would not be deemed as homeless or threatened within 28 days.

The Authority will work closely with the accommodation provider and once the management of the accommodation has agreed a move on date, the Authority will assist under the homeless legislation to move the applicant on into a secure tenancy with one of the Housing Associations.

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