

### **4.3 Applicants Exempt from the Local Connection Criteria**

- Members of the armed forces and former service personnel, where the application is made within 5 years of discharge
- Bereaved spouses, civil partners or divorced/separated partners of member of the armed forces leaving service family accommodation following the death of their spouse or partner or relationship breakdown
- Serving or former members of the reserved forces who need to move because of a serious injury, medical condition or disability sustained as a result of their service
- Existing social housing tenants who have a need to move to a particular locality in Doncaster where failure to meet that need would cause hardship; and have a need to move for work-related reasons, as set out in regulations under the Right to Move 2015
- Homeless applicants as defined in Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 where they have not been referred to another housing authority
- Domestic Abuse Victims living in refuge accommodation in the borough where they have not had a statutory homeless decision with another Local Authority and returning to an area would put them at risk.
- Applications may be considered via the National Witness Protection Scheme. This will be decided on a case by case basis by the Head of Access to Homes or Director of Housing Services of SLHD
- City of Doncaster Council tenants who are assessed into a priority band of Platinum, Gold or Silver
- City of Doncaster Council tenants on the separate Transfer List who have lived in their current tenancy for a minimum of 12 months