

# Downsizing



## Is your home too large for you?

### Q. What is Downsizing?

Downsizing has been introduced to try and increase the number of family homes available to let to families. Currently a number of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses are under occupied while many families are living in overcrowded conditions.

Downsizing is designed to offer help and financial support to those living in homes that are too large for them to enable them to move to a smaller property. You may qualify for downsizing payment if you exchange with another Swan tenant into a smaller property and the family you are exchanging with are overcrowded.

### Q. How much could I receive?

You can receive a payment of up to £4500 depending on the size of property you leave and move into. For example, someone moving from a 4 bedroom house into a 1 bedroom flat would receive £1500 for each bedroom they are giving up (£4500). Someone moving from a 3 bedroom house into 2 bedroom flat can be eligible for £1000.

### Payments available

Number of beds in current home	Number of beds in new home	Payment per bedroom	Total payment
4	2	£1000	£2000
4	1	£1500	£4500
3	2	£1000	£1000
3	1	£1500	£3000
2	1	£1000	£1000

Please note that payments will be less any rent arrears or other charges you may owe to Swan. Also the cost of any repairs needed to relet the property will be deducted.

### Q. How do I qualify?

- You must have an assured or secure tenancy with Swan
- You must live in a 2 bedroom or larger property
- You want to downsize to a 1 or 2 bedroom property

### Q. Why should I move?

By moving to a smaller property, you may benefit from:

- A cash payment of up to £4500
- Cheaper rent and council tax
- Lower heating and lighting bills
- An easier to maintain home
- Chance to make new friends and neighbours

### Q. Where can I move to?

You can choose to move to any area where Swan has suitable properties; we can provide you with further information regarding the location of property types.

### Q. What do I do next?

Contact our Lettings Team to register on the transfer list. You will be placed in a priority band depending on how many bedrooms you are giving up. Remember registering on the transfer list does not mean that you have to move.

Contact the Lettings Team

**by email** [allocations@swan.org.uk](mailto:allocations@swan.org.uk)

**by phone** 0300 303 2500

**In writing** Swan Housing Group, Pilgrim House, High Street, Billericay CM12 9XY



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