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Introduction:

This report provides the latest key information from Devon Home Choice and covers 1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024.

Households registered with Devon Home Choice:

The total number of households in housing need (Bands A to D) increased slightly from 18,219 on 1st April 2024 to 18,260 on 1st July 2024, a rise of 0.2%.

In the first quarter of this year across Devon, East Devon, Exeter, Plymouth and Teignbridge had a reduction on the number of households in Bands A to D with Exeter having the highest decrease of 8.6% followed by Plymouth with drop of 2.5%. All other local authorities in Devon saw an increase in numbers of households in housing needs (Bands A to D) with North Devon having the highest increase of 15.8% and Teignbridge having the lowest increase of 0.8% of households.

The number of households in Band E overall has decreased by 13% since 1st April 2024, from 9,965 to 8656 and is currently 32% of total DHC register.

Table 1: Number of households in housing need (Bands A to D) as at 1st July 2024

Bai	nd A	Ban	d B	Bai	nd C	Ban	d D		Ban	id E
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Total	No.	%
10	0%	452	15%	953	32%	1,568	53%	2,983	2,911	49%
4	0%	412	23%	511	28%	898	49%	1,825	8	0%
1	0%	159	16%	312	32%	493	51%	965	878	48%
4	0%	361	22%	483	29%	804	49%	1,652	705	30%
6	0%	1,203	25%	1,383	28%	2,280	47%	4,872	1,944	29%
2	0%	265	29%	195	21%	462	50%	924	765	45%
	0%	333	21%	464	30%	753	49%	1,550	2	0%
1	0%	294	17%	457	27%	930	55%	1,682	1	0%
	0%	177	14%	397	32%	677	54%	1,251	982	44%
	0%	144	26%	137	25%	275	49%	556	465	46%
28	0%	3,800	21%	5,292	29%	9,140	50%	18,260	8,661	32%
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Note: In table 1 above the percentages given for Bands A – D refer to the proportion of households in housing need who are in that Band (e.g. 21% of all households in housing need across Devon are in Band B). The percentage given for Band E refers to the proportion of households in Band E of all those registered (e.g. 33% of households registered across Devon are in Band E).



One bedroom properties remain the greatest need across all local authority areas (Table 2), with 54% of applicants requiring a one bedroom home.

Table 2: Bedroom need of applicants in housing need (Bands A to D) as at 1st July 2024

	1 Be	ed	2 B	ed	3 B	ed	4 Be	d +	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Total
East Devon	1,616	54%	634	21%	497	17%	236	8%	2,983
Exeter	1,124	62%	326	18%	256	14%	119	7%	1,825
Mid Devon	493	51%	208	22%	184	19%	80	8%	965
North Devon	795	48%	449	27%	272	16%	136	8%	1,652
Plymouth	2,612	54%	1,136	23%	754	15%	370	8%	4,872
South Hams	554	60%	204	22%	99	11%	67	7%	924
Teignbridge	792	51%	344	22%	269	17%	145	9%	1,550
Torbay	905	54%	372	22%	284	17%	121	7%	1,682
Torridge	635	51%	315	25%	189	15%	112	9%	1,251
West Devon	297	53%	115	21%	85	15%	59	11%	556
Total	9,823	54%	4,103	22%	2,889	16%	1,445	8%	18,260

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Chart 1 below shows the breakdown of Homeless Category applicants by bedroom need across Local Authority areas. 1 bed need is also highest for this category across all areas except for North Devon which has the same highest number for 1 bed as well as for 2 bed homeless applicants.

Chart 1:

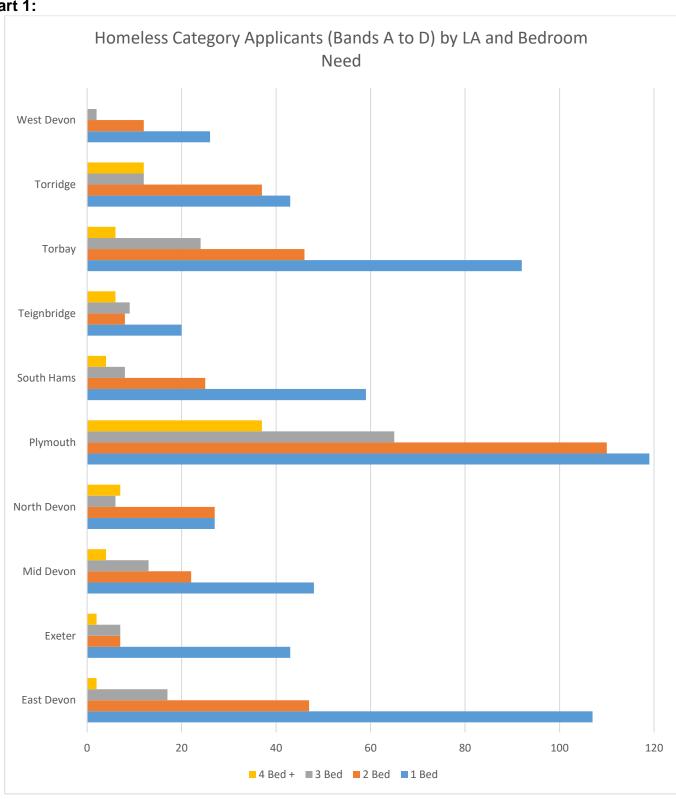




Table 3 below shows the numbers on the register in housing need (Band A - D) in each local authority area by quarter whilst Table 3a shows the same for Bands A to E.

Decreases in applications for individual LAs per quarter are likely to be the result of increased renewal activity. Across Devon for both tables when compared to the previous quarter, North Devon had the highest increase in numbers.

Table 3: Numbers on the register in Band A to D per Local Authority by quarter.

	Jul-22	Oct-22	Jan-23	Apr-23	Jul-23	Oct-23	Jan-24	Apr-24	July-24	Change this quarter
East Devon	2,266	2,422	2,447	2,588	2,686	2,780	2,853	3,065	2,983	-82
Exeter	2,867	2,769	2,691	2,195	2,245	2,169	2,189	1997	1,825	-172
Mid Devon	899	910	886	860	906	908	952	916	965	+49
North Devon	1,415	1,422	1,458	1,490	1,452	1,474	1,477	1,427	1,652	+225
Plymouth	7,003	6,887	7,175	7,666	8,554	7,730	6,004	4,998	4,872	-126
South Hams	823	801	784	798	823	857	880	897	924	+27
Teignbridge	1,007	1,164	1,192	1,132	1,130	1,299	1,449	1,537	1,550	+13
Torbay	1,603	1,620	1,665	1,688	1,692	1,683	1,674	1,636	1,682	+46
Torridge	898	1,039	1,142	1,144	1,162	1,208	1,234	1,215	1,251	+36
West Devon	516	512	500	528	513	522	517	531	556	+25
Total	19,388	19,546	19,940	20,089	21,163	20,630	19,229	18,219	18,260	+41

Table 3a: Numbers on the register in Band A to E per Local Authority by quarter (for LAs registering Bands A to E)

	Jul-22	Oct-22	Jan-23	Apr-23	Jul-23	Oct-23	Jan-24	Apr-24	Jul-24	Change this quarter
East Devon	4,699	5,076	5,109	5,374	5,550	5,732	5,857	6,205	5,894	-311
Exeter	2,878	2,781	2,703	2,200	2,250	2,177	2,190	2,002	1,833	-169
Mid Devon	1,717	1,750	1,691	1,671	1,693	1,690	1,785	1,738	1,843	+105
North Devon	2,221	2,195	2,230	2,244	2,161	2,157	2,123	2,039	2,357	+318
Plymouth	10,403	10,200	10,626	11,302	12,503	11,095	8,601	7,010	6,816	-194
South Hams	1,579	1,515	1,487	1,478	1,501	1,555	1,568	1,613	1,689	+76
Teignbridge	1,008	1,166	1,194	1,133	1,131	1,299	1,449	1,537	1,552	+15
Torbay	1,603	1,621	1,665	1,688	1,693	1,683	1,674	1,636	1,683	+47
Torridge	1,692	1,785	1,955	1,986	2,037	2,147	2,193	2,207	2,233	+26
West Devon	986	970	946	978	948	953	943	945	1,021	+76
Total	28,786	29,059	29,606	30,054	31,467	30,488	28,383	26,932	26,921	-11



Table 4 below shows the number of New Applications received by each local authority in each of the last six quarters. North Devon saw the highest increase in numbers of new applications received during Q1 2024/25 compared to the previous quarter. Across Devon Q1 2024/25 also saw the highest increase in new applications compared to previous quarters. This could also be likely due to be a result of the system change and the way new applications are logged.

Table 4: Number of New Applications received per Quarter by Local Authority

	Q1 2023/24	Q2 2023/24	Q3 2023/24	Q4 2023/24	Q1 2024/25	Quarterly average
East Devon	189	204	227	248	303	234
Exeter	256	273	214	294	521	312
Mid Devon	132	133	102	135	191	139
North Devon	183	167	146	233	366	219
Plymouth	666	713	530	784	1,076	754
South Hams	145	133	120	133	202	147
Teignbridge	178	201	162	206	357	221
Torbay	276	291	230	334	509	328
Torridge	98	84	70	117	131	100
West Devon	85	86	58	95	142	93
Total	2,208	2,285	1,859	2,579	3,798	2,546



Bidding patterns:

Table 5 and Charts 2 & 3 below show the number of bids placed, and the number of households who have placed at least one bid, during Q1 of 2024/25 and the corresponding quarter in the previous 3 years, as well as Q4 for 2023/24.

Quarter 1 figures for 2024/25 had the highest number of bid for April and May when compared to the previous Quarter 1 figures, however the number of bidders have reduced when compared to the previous quarter.

The total number of bids increased by 12.5% from the last quarter. This is surprising as this period also included the system downtime over the Easter Break due to the system maintenance, although unsurprisingly the number of bids in April 2024 is higher than that in March 2024 due to the downtime in March for system upgrade changes.

Table 5: Numbers of bids and bidders by Q1 months including the figures for Q4 2023/24

Quarter	Month	No. of bids	No of bidders
	Apr-21	25,947	6,453
2021/22 Q1	May-21	30,748	7,418
	Jun-21	29,302	7,067
	Apr-22	32,533	7,836
2022/23 Q1	May-22	32,549	7,858
	Jun-22	39,217	8,456
	Apr-23	31,511	7,571
2023/24 Q1	May-23	34,774	7,943
	Jun-23	33,941	8,326
	Jan-24	40,005	9,051
2023/24 Q4	Feb-24	37,385	8,881
	Mar-24	31,199	8,163
	Apr-24	40,182	8,756
2024/25 Q1	May-24	45,707	8,708
	Jun-24	36,284	8,044



Chart 2 - Numbers of bids by month:

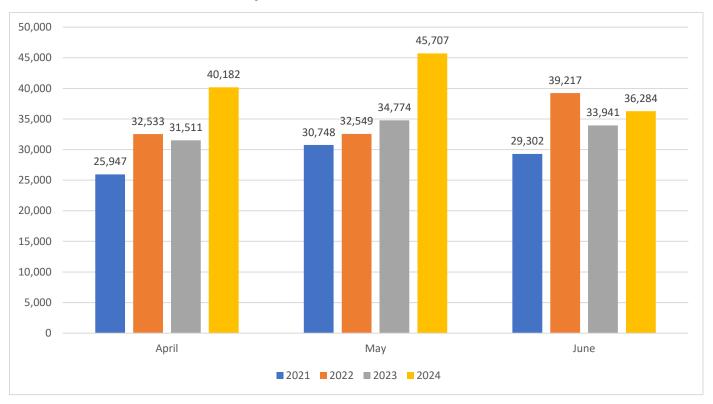


Chart 3 - Numbers of bidders by month:

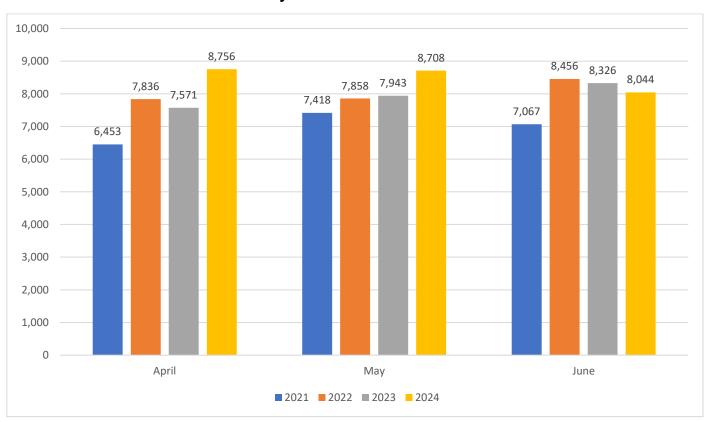




Table 6 shows how bids have been placed throughout the previous quarters (April 2023 to June 2024).

There has been a 1% decrease in the figures for applicants using the mobile app to place bids whilst aubid figures have increased by 1% compared to the last quarter. Bids placed via the website remain the main method of placing bids for applicants.

Table 6: Bid Source

Bid Source	Q1 2023-24		Q2 2023-24		Q3 2023-24		Q4 202	3-24	Q1 2024-25	
Bid Source	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No	%
Autobid	12,953	13%	15,607	13%	12,603	11%	11,392	10%	13,290	11%
Direct matches	105	0%	117	0%	90	0%	90	0%	80	0%
Back office /										
Management bid	2,170	2%	2,220	2%	1,807	2%	1,779	2%	1,105	1%
Mobile app	27,323	27%	38,199	32%	40,171	37%	42,180	39%	46,501	38%
Website	57,675	58%	64,634	54%	54,970	50%	53,224	49%	60,183	50%
Total	100,226	100%	120,777	100%	109,641	100%	108,665	100%	121,159	100%

Table 7: Number of and Percentage of Direct Lets by Local Authority Area

Local Austravita	Choice	e Based Lets	Di	rect Lets	Total
Local Authority	No.	%	No	%	Total
East Devon	84	98%	2	2%	86
Exeter	97	84%	19	16%	116
Mid Devon	52	96%	2	4%	54
North Devon	47	89%	6	11%	53
Plymouth	186	80%	46	20%	232
South Hams	73	97%	2	3%	75
Teignbridge	72	94%	5	6%	77
Torbay	42	91%	4	9%	46
Torridge	41	100%	0	0%	41
West Devon	25	100%	0	0%	25
Total	719	89%	86	11%	805



Table 8 below shows the proportion of applicants by local authority and Band who are considered to be inactive (e.g. they have not bid or logged in during the last 6 months and are also not on autobid).

Table 8: Percentage of applicants who have not bid or logged in during the last 6 months, and are not on autobid.

Local Authority	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Total
East Devon	11%	12%	28%	40%	41%	36%
Exeter	0%	13%	12%	23%	0%	17%
Mid Devon	0%	10%	13%	20%	25%	20%
North Devon	0%	5%	9%	14%	21%	14%
Plymouth	0%	6%	7%	15%	20%	13%
South Hams	0%	22%	16%	20%	26%	22%
Teignbridge	0%	12%	13%	28%	0%	20%
Torbay	0%	3%	9%	15%	0%	11%
Torridge	0%	27%	29%	32%	35%	32%
West Devon	0%	22%	16%	22%	22%	21%
Total for Jul 2024	4%	10%	15%	23%	30%	22%
Apr 2024 figures	0%	14%	19%	37%	50%	35%
Jan 2024 figures	3%	17%	22%	46%	58%	41%
Oct 2023 figures	7%	20%	25%	46%	56%	42%

The percentage of inactive applicants in Band B has continued to decrease across Devon from 14% to 10%. Across the Bands, the number of inactive users has also decreased.

30% of applicants in Band E are considered to be inactive, a decrease from the previous Quarter of 50%.



The average number of bids received for general needs properties let during Q1 is shown in Tables 9 and 10 below.

Table 9: Average number of bids for general needs properties by property size and local authority during Q1 2024/25

	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	Total Average
Bedsit	17					17
Bungalow	122	59				98
Flat	173	79	79			128
House	162	202	168	177		182
Maisonette	160	52	64		30	97
Other		104				104
Total Average	163	125	157	177	30	146

Table 10: Average number of bids for general needs properties by property type and local authority during Q1 2024/25

	Bedsit	Bungalow	Flat	House	Maisonette	Other	Total Average
East Devon		114	77	135	330		110
Exeter	22		111	207	113		147
Mid Devon		160	80	141	134		126
North Devon		151	74	128	112		114
Plymouth	10	105	209	301	87		226
South Hams		1	77	117			100
Teignbridge	26	78	58	113	68		74
Torbay		1	90	156	1		99
Torridge		72	69	131		104	103
West Devon			47	99	30		66
Total Average	17	98	128	182	97	104	146
Previous Quarter	189	94	124	182	109	25	144



Table 11 and 12 presents the same information for homes advertised as sheltered.

Table 11: Average number of bids for sheltered homes by property type and local authority during Q1 2024/25

	1 Bed	2 Bed	Total Average
Bedsit	24		24
Bungalow	129	102	121
Flat	51	28	47
House		20	20
Maisonette	53	60	58
Total Average	69	54	65

Table 12: Average number of bids for sheltered homes by property type and local authority during Q1 2024/25

	Bedsit	Bungalow	Flat	House	Maisonette	Total Average
East Devon		171	127		84	150
Exeter	22		32			30
Mid Devon		145				145
North Devon		84	36			48
Plymouth		88	36		45	40
South Hams			36			36
Teignbridge	26	66	29			46
Torbay			40			40
Torridge			36			36
West Devon			96	20		58
Total Average	24	121	47	20	58	65



Homes let:

There were 541 general needs homes let in the 3 months from 1st April to 30th June 2024 (Table 13 below) compared to 731 lets in Q1 of 2023/24. There were 1041 lets in Q1 of 2019/20 and 781 lets in Q3 of 2021/22).

72% of all general homes let were let to applicants in Band B.

Table 13: General needs homes let (1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024):

	Ban	d A	Ba	nd B	Ва	nd C	Ва	Band D		nd E	Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Total
East Devon	2	3%	34	59%	14	24%	8	14%		0%	58
Exeter	2	3%	60	82%	10	14%	1	1%		0%	73
Mid Devon	2	6%	23	66%	9	26%	1	3%		0%	35
North Devon	3	8%	29	74%	2	5%	5	13%		0%	39
Plymouth	4	2%	148	88%	8	5%	3	2%	6	4%	169
South Hams	1	2%	25	52%	15	31%	6	13%	1	2%	48
Teignbridge		0%	22	51%	10	23%	11	26%		0%	43
Torbay		0%	28	93%	1	3%		0%	1	3%	30
Torridge		0%	8	29%	9	32%	8	29%	3	11%	28
West Devon		0%	10	56%	5	28%	3	17%		0%	18
Q1 2024/25 Total	14	3%	387	72%	83	15%	46	9%	11	2%	541
Q4 2023/24											
Total	6	1%	402	71%	78	14%	71	13%	10	2%	567
Q3 2023/24 Total	15	2%	476	70%	115	17%	59	9%	14	2%	679

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There were a total of 113 homes advertised as sheltered (Table 14 below) let across Devon in the months of April to June 2024. This is down from the 144 sheltered lets in the previous quarter.

Table 14: Sheltered homes let (1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024):

	Band A		Bai	nd B	Ва	nd C	Band D		Band E		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
East Devon	0	0%	12	52%	4	17%	6	26%	1	4%	23
Exeter	0	0%	5	83%	1	17%		0%		0%	6
Mid Devon	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%		0%		0%	2
North Devon	0	0%	7	58%	2	17%	3	25%		0%	12
Plymouth	0	0%	16	76%	1	5%	4	19%		0%	21
South Hams	0	0%	9	69%	1	8%	3	23%		0%	13
Teignbridge	0	0%	17	77%	3	14%	2	9%		0%	22
Torbay	0	0%	5	63%		0%	1	13%	2	25%	8
Torridge	0	0%		0%	1	25%	3	75%		0%	4
West Devon	0	0%	1	50%		0%	1	50%		0%	2
Q1 2024/25 Total	0	0%	73	65%	14	12%	23	20%	3	3%	113
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Q4 2023/24 Total	4	3%	66	46%	28	19%	37	26%	9	6%	144
Q3 2023/24 Total	1	1%	54	51%	18	17%	25	24%	8	8%	106

^{*}Please note that these figures only include homes which have been flagged specifically as sheltered. Other age restricted properties may have been included with the general needs lets figures.



Over 57,200 homes have now been let through Devon Home Choice since 2010. The total number of lets per year by bedroom size is shown in Table 15.

Table 15: Number of properties let:

	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4+ Bed	Total
2010/11	1,758	1,490	633	76	3,959
2011/12	1,798	1,666	758	76	4,302
2012/13	1,579	1,463	586	52	3,683
2013/14	1,893	2,051	997	121	5,071
2014/15	1,774	1,998	950	90	4,812
2015/16	1,655	1,819	780	91	4,345
2016/17	1,840	1,828	746	100	4,514
2017/18	1,608	1,676	729	80	4,093
2018/19	1,719	1,968	802	109	4,598
2019/20	1,688	1,788	646	82	4,204
2020/21	1,368	1,303	529	60	3,260
2021/22	1,417	1,357	490	34	3,298
2022/23	1,402	1,275	463	48	3,188
2023/24	1,344	1,253	456	53	3,106
2024/25 Q1	329	308	150	18	805

Table 16: Homes let (1 April 2024 to 30th June 2024) by local authority and property size.

Local Authority	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4+ Bed	Total
East Devon	30	41	13	2	86
Exeter	45	43	23	5	116
Mid Devon	21	20	11	2	54
North Devon	20	18	13	2	53
Plymouth	98	86	44	4	232
South Hams	32	21	21	1	75
Teignbridge	34	37	6		77
Torbay	26	12	7	1	46
Torridge	13	19	9		41
West Devon	10	11	3	1	25
Total	329	308	150	18	805

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