**Home Move Support Scheme**

**How does it work?**

The Home Move Support Scheme is a way for us to assist our customers with downsizing their home. You may be eligible for a downsizing grant payment if you satisfy both of the following criteria:

1. You are subject to the Spare Room Subsidy (also known as ‘Bedroom Tax’) where your benefits are reduced and are required to pay a top up to cover your full rent.
2. You would be subject to the Spare Room Subsidy but due to your level of income are not entitled. Your household content will need to be verified before a grant can be approved.

**An exception can be made to those of pension credit age who vacate a three, four or five-bedroom house and move to a smaller social landlord property.**

The scheme does not include those who complete a move through a mutual exchange (swapping of properties).

**How much money is on offer?**

* **If you are downsizing from a two-bed flat, maisonette or bungalow you will receive £1000.**
* **If you are downsizing from a larger accommodation type, you will receive £1500.**

For example: If you are downsizing from a two, three, four or five-bedroom house.

Please note that any money you owe to us (e.g. rent arrears, court costs, rechargeable repairs) will be deducted from the grant. If you are subject to bankruptcy or a Debt Relief Order, you do not qualify for this grant.

**Is the Scheme open to all Alliance Homes tenants?**

The Scheme is available to all Assured (non-shorthold) tenants. This means that if you’re a starter tenant you will qualify once your tenancy has been converted.

**Do I have to be registered on HomeChoice and will I get any priority?**

The band you are placed in will depend on the size of property you are downsizing from and you would still be assessed for any medical or welfare priorities that apply.

**If you have any queries regarding the scheme or would like further information, please contact us.**