

Defining Specified Accommodation for HB Purposes

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Implications

- Income maximisation
- Supported accommodation funding
- Localised funding pot



How identified by HB?

- local knowledge?

- rent levels?



How identified by HB?

- Register of Specified Accommodation
- Working relationship between accommodation/care provider and HB team



Definitions

- 'Accommodation provider'
- 'Care, support or supervision'
 - 'on behalf of'
 - more than minimal
 - 'admitted...in order to receive'
 - 'claimant taking advantage of'
 - ***HOWEVER...!***
- Hostel – not self-contained accommodation



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