



**By the end of April 2005**

**S1B: Special Needs Housing (Local Authority)**

Collected under Section 199 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973

Year: <u>As at 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2005</u>	Local Authority: _____
Contact in the event of query:	
Name: _____	Tel. No: (____) _____ Date ____/____/____

**Please see full notes on reverse**

Please enter the number of Local Authority dwellings only.

Where exact information is not available please provide estimates (marked 'E'), use '0' for zero and N/A for Not Available

**Include:** Both purpose built and adapted dwellings

**Do NOT include:** Wardens' housing or hostel accommodation

**Housing for the Elderly**

Type of Housing	Number of Local Authority Dwellings
1) Very sheltered housing (see note 1)	<input type="text"/>
2) Sheltered housing (see note 2)	
2.1) Total sheltered housing	<input type="text"/>
2.2) Of which adapted for wheelchair use	<input type="text"/>
3) Medium dependency housing (amenity: see note 3)	<input type="text"/>
4) Dwellings fitted with a community alarm system (see note 4)	<input type="text"/>

**Housing for People with Physical Disabilities**

(excluding those already counted in 1-3 above)

Type of Housing	Number of Local Authority Dwellings
5) Housing adapted for wheelchair use (see note 5)	<input type="text"/>
6) Housing adapted or built for the ambulant disabled (see note 6)	<input type="text"/>
7) Other housing specially adapted for the disabled (see note 7)	<input type="text"/>

## General Notes and Guidance (S1B)

Please enter the number of Scottish Homes and Housing Association dwellings for each type of house respectively. Where exact information is not available an estimate should be provided (marked 'E').

Both purpose build and adapted dwellings should be included.

Housing units should be listed under only ONE of the categories below. It is important that houses are classified in terms of the specialised design or adaptations that have been made to them. For example, wheelchair housing should be listed as such irrespective of the requirements of the actual occupiers. A general needs house that has no special design feature or adaptation is still 'general' even if it is occupied by a family with special needs.

### 1. Very sheltered housing

This form of housing (sometimes known as 'care' and 'extra care' housing) generally has all the features listed for sheltered housing, but will usually have special bathroom facilities. In addition, a greater level of care and support is offered through the service of extra wardens, full-time carers or domiciliary assistance and the provision of meals.

### 2. Sheltered Housing

The design is based on the standards for general needs housing with the addition of the following features:

- 2.i the housing should be provided at ground or first floor level, or in blocks over 2 storeys high served by at least one lift
- 2.ii space standards should be the same as for one or two person general needs houses

- 2.iii handrails should be provided on both sides of all common access stairs, and on at least one side of all common access areas and passages
- 2.iv bathroom doors should be either sliding or capable of opening outwards, and fitted with locks operable from the outside
- 2.v bathroom floors should have a non-slip finish
- 2.vi handrails should be fitted beside the WC and bath/shower
- 2.vii a space heating system must be provided which is capable of maintaining a temperature of 21C when the outside temperature is -1C in the following parts of the house: living area, sleeping area, kitchen, bathroom, hallway
- 2.viii light switches arranged to line horizontally with door handles
- 2.ix socket outlets fixed at a height of at least 500mm above the floor
- 2.x a warden service should be provided.
- 2.xi an emergency call service should be provided connecting each house to a warden system

### Sheltered wheelchair housing

The design is adapted to wheelchair standards but also has the features listed above for sheltered housing. It is for elderly people confined to wheelchairs, rather than for other such disabled people.

### 3. Amenity housing

The design is based on the standards of general needs housing with the addition of those features listed in 2.1 to 2.9 of the sheltered housing definition above. There is no warden, and a community alarm may or may not be fitted.

### 4. Community alarm

A system of alarms in more than one special needs house that is linked to a central point. This is either manned or temporarily supervised, or connected via a telephone link-up to a point where a response to a distress call can be guaranteed.

### 5. Wheelchair housing

This consists of dwellings for people confined to wheelchairs. It is built or adapted to give extra floor area, whole house heating, and special bathroom, kitchen and other features.

### 6. Ambulant disabled housing

This consists of dwellings for people with disabilities who are not confined to wheelchairs. It is built or adapted to general needs housing standards but has a level or ramped approach, WC and bathroom at entrance level and other special features.

### 7. Other specially adapted housing

Dwellings with other adaptations, such as those with renal dialysis equipment, should be included here, if information is available.

### 8. Exclusions

Wardens' housing and Hostel accommodation should be excluded.