Repeat applications

When should a repeat homeless application be accepted?
What is a repeat application?

A repeat application is a homeless application that is made after the local authority has discharged its duty on a previous application.
Examples of repeat applications

• Following non priority need decision.
• Following intentionally homeless decision.
• After reasonable offer of accommodation refused.
What do I need to look at?

- Information resources.
- Case law.
- Policy.
The principles

• Accept application, then compare with previous application.
• Identify facts that make the new application different to the previous one.
• Reject application if new facts are fanciful or trivial.
• Treat application as valid if new facts are not fanciful or trivial
How the principles were reached

• Finding settled accommodation is not the only way a person can cease to be intentionally homeless.
• Can only refuse an application if it is based on exactly the same facts as previous application.
• No further requirement to establish change of circumstances.
Examples – Steve

• Application 1 – not reasonable to occupy.
• Application 2 – valid notice to quit issued.
• Application 2 not identical to application 1.
• Treat application 2 as valid.
Examples - Stacey

• Application 1 – evicted for rent arrears.
• Application 2 – no change in circumstances.
• Can reject application 2.
• Application 3 – engaged with financial support.
• Treat application 3 as valid.
More information

Case law

- R v Harrow London Borough Council, Ex parte Fahia (1998) 30 HLR 1124

- Rikha Begum v Tower Hamlets London Borough Council (2005) HLR 34

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