



Dufferin County By-Name List (BNL) Information Sheet

What is a By-Name List?

A By-Name List (BNL) is a real-time list of all people experiencing homelessness in our community. Using a Coordinated Access approach, participating agencies of the Coordinated Access Table in Dufferin County work together to assess people's housing related needs, and connect them to available supports to find and keep housing. The By-Name List ranks applicants based on a number of factors and determines how to best support them.

Who will see the applicant's information?

To ensure that applicants access the supports that they need, it may be important for relevant information to be shared among the partner agencies. Only information related to obtaining and maintaining housing will be collected and accessed by partner agencies. For a list of partnering agencies, please contact the number below.

Applicants will be asked to sign a By-Name List consent to allow for the sharing of personal information. This consent is required to participate in the By-Name List & Coordinated Access.

What questions will be asked?

Applicants will be asked to complete the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Prescreen Tool (Vi-SPDAT) and a BNL Intake.

The VI-SPDAT helps identify who should be recommended for each housing and support intervention, moving the discussion from simply who is eligible for a service intervention to who is eligible and in greatest need of that intervention.

The BNL Intake gathers contact and income information.

How will applicants be prioritized?

Applicants will then be placed on the Dufferin By-Name List, answers they have provided will be used to determine if their homelessness experience is chronic or non-chronic.

Please note that completing the application for the By-Name List does not guarantee immediate assistance.

What are the criteria for applying to the By-Name List?

Applicants need to meet the following criteria:

- Must be 16 years or older
- Must be in Dufferin County
- Must not be receiving social assistance shelter from another area
- Must be homeless for a minimum of 14 days prior to application

To participate or for further information:

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