



FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL
SOCIAL ENTITLEMENT CHAMBER

Held at **Enfield**

on **24/10/2014**

Before **Judge J MacDonald**

Appellant: [REDACTED]	Tribunal Ref. SC921/14/00500
	NI No NE 94 89 21 C
Respondent: Local Authority Stevenage Borough Council	

DECISION NOTICE

1. The Housing Benefit appeal is allowed.
2. The decision made on 01/03/13 is set aside.
3. The appellant remains entitled to Housing Benefit without a 14% reduction for under occupancy.
4. The Tribunal find that the property is in fact a two bedroom property and that the third room on the first floor described as a bedroom by the Local Authority is as a matter of fact not a bedroom and the 14% reduction in Housing benefit has been wrongly applied.

Signed Tribunal Judge:
J Macdonald

Date: 24/10/2014

Decision Notice issued to

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STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DECISION

This statement is to be read together with the decision notice issued by the tribunal

1. This statement of reasons concerns an appeal made by the appellant that was heard as an oral appeal by the First-tier Social Security Tribunal at Enfield on 24/10/2014. The appellant was present. The Local Authority did not request an oral hearing and were not present.
2. The Tribunal considered the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) SEC Rules 2008. They were satisfied that the Rules had been met and decided that they were able to decide the appeal without a representative from the Local Authority, in doing this the tribunal considered whether an adjournment would be appropriate to enable the authority to have a final opportunity to give oral evidence. However, the tribunal did not consider that an adjournment was necessary there was no indication that the