



What will the Healthy Homes Team do to help me?

When your referral has been passed to the Healthy Homes Team you will be allocated a caseworker and subject to the type of work being installed, a technical officer, who will guide you through the process of carrying out adaptations to your home.

A caseworker will contact you, explain the service in detail and will offer advice about benefits, grants and other sources of finance. They will undertake a full assessment of your needs and discuss other support services that could help you to remain living independently in your home.

The technical officer will manage the whole project on your behalf from initially surveying the property, drawing up a specification, finding reputable contractors right through to supervising the works and ensuring they are completed satisfactorily.

The option of moving home



In some instances an adaptation may not be possible or may be excessively costly. If this is the case we can discuss possible alternatives. An alternative for homeowners maybe to consider moving house to one which is already adapted or is more easily adapted.

What if my needs change whilst I am waiting?

If your needs change significantly while waiting for the work to start on your adaptation you should contact your caseworker to discuss the situation. If appropriate they will liaise directly with the Occupational Therapy Team to arrange reassessment of your needs.

You can contact us by post: Healthy Home Team

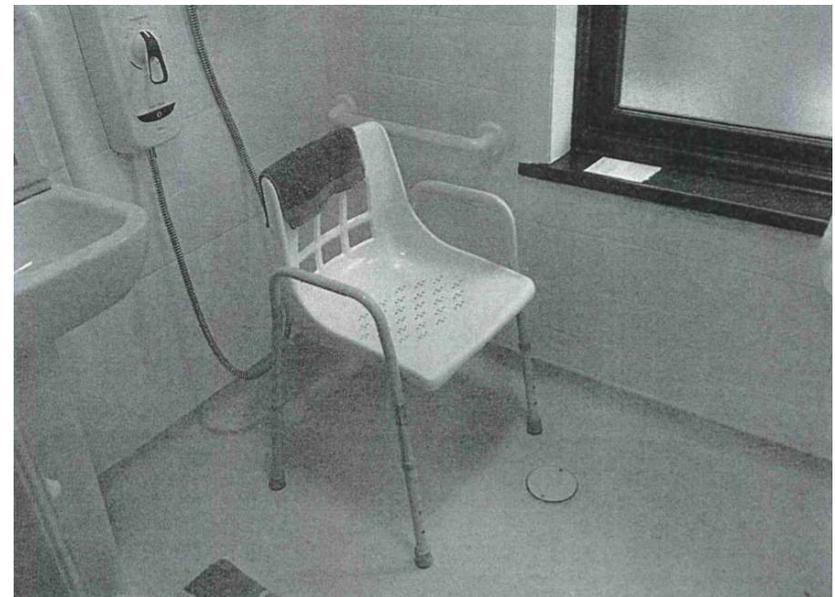
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Disabled Facilities Grants

Introduction

The Healthy Homes Team offers practical support and assistance to homeowners and private rental tenants who wish to adapt their homes, to meet their needs.

We are committed to helping people to live independently in their own homes. We offer help to people of all ages, who either have a disability or mobility issues. Through our service and working together with the Council's Occupational Therapy Team, we can offer help and support by providing equipment for daily living, as well as assisting with both minor and major home adaptations. We offer advice, guidance and home visits free of charge.



What is a Disabled Facilities Grant?

Disabled Facilities Grants are mandatory grants to improve the health and well being of older people, disabled adults and children. They can provide a more accessible home environment to improve independence, reduce risk and reduce reliance on assistance. All enquiries will initially be referred to the Occupational Therapy Service who will arrange an assessment of your needs. Any recommendation made will then be referred to the Healthy Homes Team.

All grant applications except those for standard stair lifts, hoists, modular steps or ramps will be subject to a financial means test of the disabled person and their spouse or partner, to assess how much if anything, they must contribute to the cost of the works. The amount of the grant is what is needed to meet the cost of the works over and above the applicant's contribution.

The mandatory grant is limited to a maximum of £30,000. You will need to provide proof of your average weekly income, taking account of any savings and certain benefits. Some benefits relating specifically to a person's disability are not taken into account.

Disabled facilities grants are generally approved for works such as:

Stairlifts



Level Access Showers



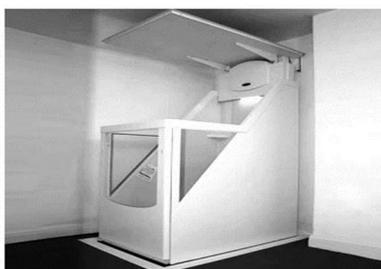
Modular Ramps

To provide access to the home



Through-floor lifts

For those unable to use a stairlift safely



Who can we help?

- If you have a long term disability or illness.
- If you are caring for someone who is disabled and experiencing difficulties.
- If you are a landlord and are applying on behalf of a disabled tenant.
- If you are struggling to remain independent in your own home.
- If you should live within the East Riding of Yorkshire and the equipment or adaptation must be for your main, or only home.

How can we help?

We will work with you to identify activities that are important to you. Consider why you are struggling to achieve these and work together to find solutions. We might provide advice, loan equipment and/or make adaptations to build upon your strengths.

How can I apply for equipment or a DFG home adaptation?

A request for help must begin with an assessment of your needs by an Occupational Therapist. You will need to call (01482) 393939 to arrange an assessment.

What will happen at the assessment?

A member of the Occupational Therapy Team will discuss your needs and assess how you manage in your home. If your needs cannot be met by providing specialist equipment, other solutions will be discussed, which includes the possibility of adapting your home.

How can equipment and adaptations be funded?

As a general rule equipment and minor adaptations costing under £1,000 are provided free of charge by the Council. Anyone assessed as needing adaptations costing over £1,000 may be entitled to a Disabled Facilities Grant. These are arranged by the Healthy Homes Team and may be subject to an assessment of your means. Disabled Facilities Grants for dependent children with disabilities are not means tested.