



Adaptations to your home

Types of adaptation

An adaptation is an alteration to your home to enable you to have access to essential facilities needed to carry out daily living tasks. It could be:

- A stairlift to take you to the bathroom or toilet if they are situated upstairs
- Replacing your bath with a shower if you cannot get into the bath and are unable to carry out personal care in any other way
- A ramp to enable you to get in and out of your home
- Small adaptations such as a hand rail by the toilet or banister rail along the stairs

How we can help

- An Occupational Therapist (OT) will carry out an assessment of your needs. The OT will discuss with you and observe the ways in which you have difficulty doing things in everyday life.
- As part of the assessment the OT may arrange for an architect or surveyor to find out whether it is feasible to carry out alterations on your home and the ways in which this may be done. For larger alterations the architect/surveyor may draw 'sketch schemes' which are drawings to help you and the OT make a decision about the best and most cost-effective way to overcome your difficulties.
- The OT may need to contact your doctor, physiotherapist or district nurse to find out how your difficulties will affect you in the future (they will ask for your permission before doing this).

Sources of funding available to pay for the adaptation

- Yourself
- Charity funding
- A Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) administered by Housing and Community Services

You will not normally receive any Disabled Facilities Grant if you start work before the Council approves your application.

Who owns the adaptation?

The adaptation becomes part of your property and you own the adaptation when it is complete and you are responsible for any maintenance or repair to it.

What will happen next

- The OT will be the key person to contact if you have any queries about the adaptation. The OT will offer professional advice and ensure that the adaptation recommended is necessary and appropriate for your needs
- The Housing Improvements Officer from Housing and Community Services is responsible for ensuring the adaptation is reasonable and practical depending on the age and condition of your home
- The OT will give you a provisional pack. You will need to read the explanatory letter and booklet about DFGs then complete the enquiry form for Grant Aid and send it to Housing and Community Services (this is the provisional means test and the OT can help you if you wish)
- The OT will send a recommendation letter to Housing and Community Services giving details of the adaptation and the reason why it is needed
- Housing and Community Services will notify you of how much grant you may expect or any contribution you will need to make. If your contribution is greater than the cost of the adaptation, no grant will be paid.

Contact details

If you would like to find out more about this service please telephone the Help Desk on 01202 633902 or email sshelpdesk@bcpcouncil.gov.uk. For more information about services please go to www.mylifemycare.com.

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