

Doing more for less

Home adaptations for disabled people can reduce NHS and social care costs and improve health and well-being.

Recent changes to legislation, funding and policies related to home adaptations provide an opportunity to integrate and improve local provision.

Everyone involved in health, social care and housing needs up to date information in order to drive forward a more integrated approach to home adaptations.

Public Health England has supported new resources, endorsed by the national Home Adaptations Consortium, to help to drive this integration.

Inspiration and Innovation

Find out about pioneers around England who are ahead of the curve on developing new and better ways to deliver home adaptations advice, practical help and financial assistance, including making best use of Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG). See these free to download examples here homeadaptationsconsortium.wordpress.com/good-practice/



Information

Funding for home adaptations is now paid by national government to local authorities through the Better Care Fund. A short (no previous knowledge required) briefing explains the changes, responsibilities and opportunities for integration that this presents.

The Care Act, Guidance and Housing Law all influence the ways that help with home adaptations should be delivered. A short briefing summarises the main changes and implications for 'non-experts'.

See: homeadaptationsconsortium.wordpress.com/briefings-and-reports/



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Home Adaptations - Saving money & improving lives

Following a stroke Mrs Roper was not able to leave hospital until her home had been adapted. A grant fast track system, block contracting and integration of discharge systems with the local home improvement agency to organise the adaptation works meant that Mrs Roper was discharged within days rather than weeks. Due to the home adaptations she only needs a single carer visit once a day rather than two people twice a day.



Cost of home adaptations package: £5,400

Savings to Hospital (4 weeks delay @ £275 xs bed day DH Ref Cost): £7,700

Savings to Social Services (annual reduced care costs): £16,400pa

Local Action Checklist

- *Could your local systems for provision of home adaptations be improved and integrated (to speed up delivery, link to hospital discharge, falls and dementia pathways etc)?*
- *Has your area set a pooled budget based on local needs assessment for provision of home adaptations with contributions from housing, health and social care?*

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The Home Adaptations Consortium is a broad spectrum of national organisations working together with a single aim – to champion quality provision of home adaptations for disabled people. homeadaptationsconsortium.wordpress.com/ Email: housingadaptations@gmail.com

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