

Chorley Liaison

Home Adaptation Services

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Chorley Home Improvement Agency (HIA)

“Helping Older and Disabled Residents to live more safely and independently in their own homes”

Available Services

- Major Adaptations
- Minor Adaptations

Major Adaptations

- **Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)** is available to help disabled residents to make adaptations to their home which promote independence.
- Includes high value items such as Level Access Showers, Stairlifts, Through Floor Lifts and extensions.
- Customers are first assessed by an Occupational Therapist via Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care (phone **0300 123 6720**).
- LCC send the referral to Chorley Council. The HIA team progress the case, eg helping with application form, devising schedule of works, tendering and appointment of contractors.

DFG funding increases

DFG Budget has risen substantially in recent years, with Government focussing attention on avoiding/delaying hospital and care home admissions:

2014/15 £285,619

2015/16 £370,000

2016/17 £613,972

2017/18 £665,945

Our response to increased levels of DFG funding

- Policy changes effective from 1st April.
- No DFG means test applied in cases where OT referral is for one item only.
- We authorised over £200,000 worth of major adaptations in first quarter
- Requested 20 cases from LCC waiting list – we intend to use LCFT OTs to assess these cases

Minor Adaptations

- Customers needing **Minor Adaptations** are also assessed by a Lancashire County Council Occupational Therapist.
- It is one of LCC's statutory responsibilities and is **free of charge** to customers.
- Typical Minor Adaptations are banister rails, external metal rails, and adjustments to external steps.
- Chorley Council use an experienced sub-contractor (Mobility Care Services) to deliver this service.

Collaboration with Lancashire Care Foundation Trust (LCFT)

- Opportunity arose via Integrated Community Wellbeing Service
- Pilot project launched 10th July
- LCFT OTs who identify customers who need Minor Adaptations will refer direct to Chorley HIA rather than via LCC
- Swifter outcomes for customers anticipated

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