



## Home Adaptations

### A Guide to using Care & Repair

Enabling people to be  
independent and safe at home

## Care & Repair - Minor/Major Adaptations

**Care & Repair** is an in-house Home Improvement agency that operates across the Boroughs of Guildford and Waverley. The service supports residents that own their own properties or live in private rented accommodation, including Housing Association properties

We aim to help older, vulnerable and disabled people adapt their home environments making them more accessible and enable independence, keeping people safe at home.

Care & Repair can help you look at the recommendations made by a Occupational Therapist and help you find the most suitable Adaptation and offer advice on how an Adaption can be funded. All grant works must be necessary and appropriate to meet the disabled person's need and the project be reasonable and practicable.

### Minor Adaptations include:

- ❖ Stair Lifts
- ❖ Ramps, external galvanised rails
- ❖ Small pieces of equipment

Funding available: Non Means Tested Disabled Facilities Grant

### Major Adaptations include:

- ❖ Level Access Showers
- ❖ Door Widening, Door Entry Systems
- ❖ Through Floor Lifts
- ❖ Extensions
- ❖ Alterations to Existing Properties
- ❖ Wash Dry Toilets

Funding available: Means Tested Disabled Facilities Grant

You can apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant with or without the services of Care and Repair. More details can be found in the Communities and Local Government Booklet "Disabled Facilities Grant".

## **The Care & Repair process to effectively manage your Major Adaptation**

- ❖ On receipt of your occupational therapy report - A member of the team will arrange a home visit to explain the adaptation process. An initial means test will be completed to establish whether you are eligible for a grant. Should you fail the means test, Care & Repair can advise how to manage a self funded adaptation or advise on alternative funding streams.
  - ❖ Following the initial home visit our Surveyor will make an appointment to draw up a design and complete a schedule of works. These documents will enable us to start the tendering process with contractors. The surveyor will be guided by the recommendations made by the occupational therapist. Personal choices can be discussed at this stage, but may not be grant funded.
  - ❖ On return of the tenders these will be appraised by the Surveyor to ensure we achieve best value for your adaptation. The grant application is finalised at this stage.
  - ❖ The Care & Repair team will monitor your adaptation and liaise with the contractors and yourself throughout the project. We will ensure the adaptation is completed to an agreeable standard before finalising payments to contractors.
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The advice given by Care & Repair is free and you are under no obligation to go ahead with the works. Should you decide for Care & Repair to act as your advocate through the grant application and adaptation process we will charge a fee. This is normally calculated as a percentage of the net cost of the works. The fees will be paid from the grant if eligible.

We recommend that this leaflet is read in conjunction with Communities and Local Government "Disabled Facilities Grant" booklet. This explains the grant process in more detail and the options available to you.

Further details regarding the Home Improvements Agency can be found at [www-foundations.uk.com](http://www-foundations.uk.com)

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