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Home Adaptations

1. How many home adaptations were delivered in the following financial years under the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)?

- I) 2019-20
- II) 2020-21
- III) 2021-22
- IV) 2022-23
- V) 2023-24

Response

The Trust held Occupational Therapy information systems do not hold details that capture the number of people who have had home adaptations delivered under a disabled facilities grants. To provide this information would be a manual exercise and would exceed 18 hours. This information would be available from NIHE Grants office departments.

2. How many of the home adaptations delivered, as outlined in question 1, related to a) under-18s, and b) adults aged between 18 and 64? Please break the figures down by the following financial years:

- I) 2019-20
- II) 2020-21
- III) 2021-22
- IV) 2022-23
- V) 2023-24

Response

The Trust held Occupational Therapy information systems do not hold details that capture the number of people, by age, who have had home adaptations delivered under a disabled facilities grants. To provide this information would be a manual exercise and would exceed 18 hours. This information would be available from NIHE Grants office departments.

3. Of home adaptations delivered under the DFG in the following financial years, what was the average amount of time, in days, for a home adaptation to be completed from the time of the resident's initial enquiry*?

- I) 2019-20
- II) 2020-21
- III) 2021-22
- IV) 2022-23
- V) 2023-24

***Please understand an "initial enquiry" in all questions as the first contact made by/on behalf of the resident with the Trust regarding a home adaptation,**

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rather than the point at which an application was formally submitted. If such timeframes cannot be calculated because the data is not accessible in this format, please provide timeframes using the nearest data you have available, and explain what this timeframe relates to

Response

The Trust held Occupational Therapy information systems do not hold details that capture the number of home adaptations delivered under the disabled facilities grant. To provide this information would be a manual exercise and would exceed 18 hours. This information may be available from NIHE Grants office departments from point of Occupational Therapy recommendation.

4. Of home adaptations delivered under the DFG in the following financial years, what was the average amount of time, in days, for a home adaptation to be completed from the time of the initial enquiry for cases relating to under-18s?

- I) 2019-20
- II) 2020-21
- III) 2021-22
- IV) 2022-23
- V) 2023-24

Response

The Trust held Occupational Therapy information systems do not hold details that capture the number of home adaptations delivered under the disabled facilities grant and we are therefore unable to categorise information as requested. To provide this information would be a manual exercise and would exceed 18 hours. This information may be available from NIHE Grants office departments from point of Occupational Therapy recommendation.

5. Of home adaptations delivered under the DFG in the following financial years, what was the average amount of time, in days, for a home adaptation to be completed from the time of the initial enquiry for cases relating to those aged 18-64?

- I) 2019-20
- II) 2020-21
- III) 2021-22
- IV) 2022-23
- V) 2023-24

Response

as number 4.

6. Among residents whose DFG enquiries or applications remain open, what is the longest amount of time a case has been ongoing (in days)?

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Please provide a figure from the point at which the resident first enquired* about a home adaptation.

***Please understand ‘first enquired’ as the first contact made by/on behalf of the resident with the Trust regarding a home adaptation, rather than the point at which an application was formally submitted. If such timeframes cannot be calculated because the data is not accessible in this format, please provide timeframes using the nearest data you have available, and explain what this timeframe relates to**

Response

The Trust held Occupational Therapy information systems do not hold details that capture the number of home adaptations delivered under the disabled facilities grant and therefore we are unable to categorise information as requested. To provide this information would be a manual exercise and would exceed 18 hours.

7. Did the case in question 6 relate to an individual aged i) under-18, ii) 18-64 or iii) 65 and over?

Response

Given the question 6 Trust response, we are unable to provide this information.

8. What was the total cost of the home adaptations delivered under the DFG in each of the following financial years?

- I) 2019-20**
- II) 2020-21**
- III) 2021-22**
- IV) 2022-23**
- V) 2023-24**

Response

Occupational Therapy services are not involved with the financial assessment process required for the Disabled Facilities Grant and would not be involved with the finalised costing of projects. All processes and discussions associated with finance is the remit of NIHE. This information would be available from NIHE Grants office departments.

9. Do you use discretionary powers to top up grants?

Response

Occupational Therapy services are not involved with the consideration of discretionary powers to top up grants. All processes and discussions associated with finance is the remit of NIHE. This information would be available from NIHE Grants office departments.

- Please note where indicated in responses where information is not centrally held and to obtain this information would necessitate a manual

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interrogation of data which would involve a significant number of hours.
This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

We estimate that compliance with this (element of the) request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

- Where it has been indicated. This information would be available from NIHE Grants office departments. Exemption S21 Information accessible by other means has been applied.