

Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs)

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What are DFGs?

- **Statutory**
- **Private home-owners and private tenants**
- **Means tested**
- **Maximum of £30,000**



Stairlifts

Average:

- 12 straight lifts are installed a year @ £900
- 5 curved lifts @ £3,000



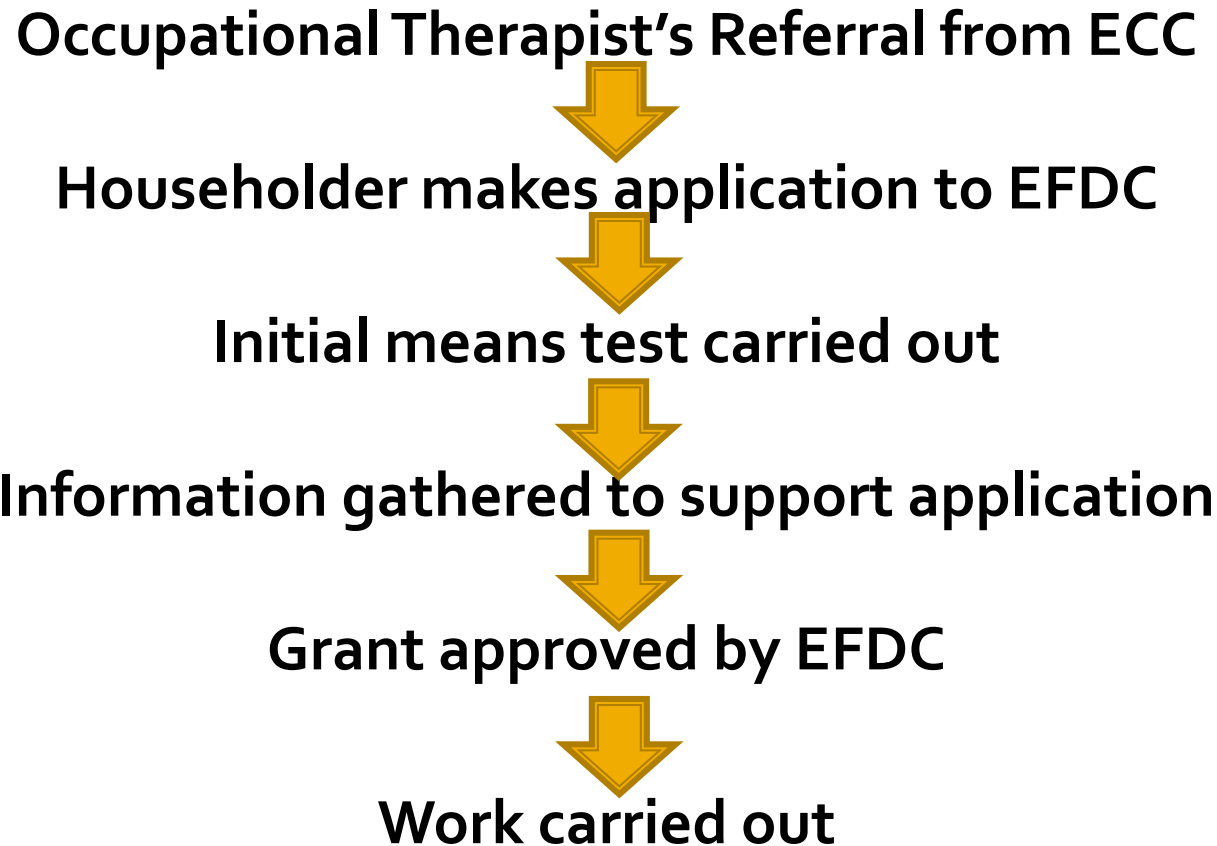
Other typical adaptations...

Average:

- 37 level access showers @ £7,000 each
- 1 extension a year @ £30,000 each



DFG Process



Five Year Demand and Spend Statistics

| Year | OT Referrals for DFGs | DFG applications received | Total DFG expenditure |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2011-12 | 43 | 37 | £302,000 |
| 2012-13 | 71 | 51 | £259,000 |
| 2013-14 | 173 | 41 | £338,000 |
| 2014-15 | 164 | 71 | £401,000 |
| 2015-16 | 251 | 101 | £508,000 |
| 2016-17 to end July | 74 | 22 | £211,000 |



Five Year Expenditure Analysis

| Year | Total DFG expenditure £ | Council Contribution £ | Government Contribution £ |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2011-12 | 302,000 | Some underspend carried forward | 324,000 |
| 2012-13 | 259,000 | Ditto | 290,000 |
| 2013-14 | 338,000 | 43,000 | 295,000 |
| 2014-15 | 401,000 | 98,000 | 303,000 |
| 2015-16 | 508,000 | 145,000 | 363,000 |
| 2016-17 | 633,000 (Projected) | Not clear at this stage | 665,000 |



Budget Allocation

| | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 & 2018/19 |
|---|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Original allocation agreed in 2014/15 (including Govt funding) | 380,000 | 380,000 | 380,000 |
| Additional allocation agreed Sept 2015 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 |
| Total allocation | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Anticipated Government Contribution (through Better Care Fund) | 363,000 | 363,000 | 363,000 |
| Actual | 363,000 | 665,000 | ? |
| Anticipated Expenditure | | 665,000 (?) | 665,000 (?) |
| Actual Expenditure | 508,000 | | |



Quantifying the Need

- 7,000 (16.3%) occupied dwellings have at least one resident with a long term illness or disability.
- The cost of the adaptations needed (after means testing) is £3.6 m.

Private Sector House Condition Survey 2011



Quantifying the Savings

- One year's delayed entry into residential care will save approximately £26,000
- Adaptations that reduce the need for daily visits pay for themselves within 3 years
- A hip fracture costs the NHS between £4,000 and £7,000
- There is evidence that the most consistent outcome of interventions is improved mental health



Issues for us....

- **Demand is not in our control**
- **Budget – what will it be and when will we get it?**
- **How much will we have to contribute?**

