Further information
Please contact our access to adult social care helpline

on 0300 555 0055 (Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm)
An emergency duty team is available on 0300 555 8574, at all other times

Web  www.dudley.gov.uk/asc
Email  accessteam.dachs@dudley.gov.uk
Post  Brierley Hill Health & Social Care Centre Venture Way, Brierley Hill DY5 1RU

Dudley Community Information Directory
Your online tool to find information about care and support, activities, health services and much more across Dudley borough. www.dudleyci.co.uk

If you require any assistance with regards to this document or would like to request an interpreter, large print or audio version, please contact the communications team on 01384 811561

Adaptations
A guide to adapting your home to meet your disability needs
Firstly, you will have an assessment from one of our Occupational Therapists or a suitably trained assessor. The assessment will identify your needs, what you are struggling with and how this is affecting your life and wellbeing, as well as the outcomes you want to achieve in your daily life.

Following the assessment, a recommendation will be made as to what is needed for you to continue living independently in the home. Please note not all assessments will lead to an assessment being recommended. Sometimes your needs may be met by providing you with community equipment, or by identifying a rehabilitation programme, or lifestyle change.

If an adaptation to the home is recommended it will be a minor or major one.

Minor adaptations - examples include handrails to pathways outside the home, or to steps, stair rails or grab rails inside the home.

Major adaptations - examples include new ramps, walk in showers in the bathroom, the installation of a stair lift, or vertical through the floor lift, an external lift, or ground floor extension to provide sleeping or bathing facilities.

If the recommendation from the assessment is for equipment, or a rehabilitation programme, then the Occupational Therapist will work to get this arranged for you.

If a minor or major adaptation is recommended, this will be issued by the Occupational Therapist to the council’s relevant housing team to arrange. At this stage, alternative housing options may also be discussed with you.

The funding for the adaptation will vary depending on your circumstances. It may involve a financial assessment, where we decide if the council will pay for it, or if you have to contribute to the funding in part, or in full.

Note that the Occupational Therapist is not involved in the funding process. If you require more information on the funding process and the financial assessment please contact us on 01384 817086. We are happy to advise you further.

For further information

For more information on adaptations, or to request an assessment you can contact:

Our Access to adult social care helpline - 0300 555 0055
Dudley Home Improvement Service - 01384 817086
Or visit our website www.dudley.gov.uk, search adaptations