

Report to Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board

Subject:	Adaptations and Disabled Facilities Grants(DFG)
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Context, including links to Health and Wellbeing Priorities e.g. JSNA and Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

Adaptations and Disabled Facilities is a unified prevention scheme within the Better Care Fund (BCF) plan, with BCF funding attached from 1st April 2015. The purpose of this report is to share the draft business case (attached at Appendix A) and provide an update on the progress made towards the scheme to date in order to give the Health and Wellbeing Board an idea of the type of activity which will continue into 2015/16.

Between April 2014 and January 2015 DFG's have been awarded to 13 individuals for the provision of:

Adaptation	Number provided
Stair Lift	6
Level access shower	5
Over bath shower	1
Accessible toilet	1
Ramps/alterations to access	2

The grant allocations towards these 15 adaptations has been £46,148. During this period there have been no large building works so the cost of the work has been particularly low. February and March will see the completion of further adaptations giving a total of 22 adaptations completed during the year. The forecast for the end of the year is a total spend of £135,000 (i.e. £40,000 underspend from this year's budget of £175,000). This compares with DFG's made in previous years as follows:

- 2011/12 = 29
- 2012/13 = 23
- 2013/14 = 32

Additional funding was provided in 2013/14 meaning that there were few pending cases that had been recommended but not completed at the start of the financial year. There are currently 12 adaptations that have already been recommended but work, estimated at a cost of £73,000, which it is not possible to start before the end of the current financial year due to waiting for plans to be agree, planning permission or quotations etc.

This year there have been a high number of cases recommended but the individual was not eligible for a grant following the financial assessment. In addition recommendations were made to Spire Homes who completed 2 level access showers and installation of one stairlift from their own resources, based on the recommendation of the Occupational Therapist (OT).

Of the 15 adaptations already completed that received DFG funding the following outcomes were identified by the OT for the individuals;

To help prevent an admission to residential care	1
To help prevent an admission to hospital	3
To allow a reduction in domiciliary care package	1
To support a hospital discharge	0
To help prevent a readmission for a person having Reablement.	Not Known
To help prevent an injury due to a fall	9
To reduce Carer strain	8
To improve service users quality of life	12

The identified indicative BCF targets in the plan were that in 2014/15 DFG's would;

- Prevent 1.5 individuals being admitted to residential care
- Keep 0.7 individuals at home following Reablement
- Reduce admissions due to falls for 1.6 individuals

Although it has not been possible to evidence that these targets have been met it is clear that for the individuals who have received a DFG the outcomes have been positive and significant and potential savings made for health and social care services. Of the 5 most recently completed adaptations 3 individuals returned customer satisfaction questionnaires indicating 100% positive responses and all 3 said they felt they now have more control over their lives.

Minor adaptations

Between October 2014 and January 2015 77 minor adaptations (costing under £500) were completed for 52 individuals:

- 92% were completed in 6 working days
- 23 out of the 52 people returned customer satisfaction questionnaires and of those 91.3% stated that they have more control over their lives as a result of the service.

The audit form completed by the OT's and the customer satisfaction questionnaires for both major and minor adaptations is to be amended so that from April 2015 outcomes are recorded in line with what is stated in the BCF plan, and information is collected regarding how the team can mitigate any risks whilst a client is waiting for an adaptation.

Further work is planned to audit aspects of the service to clarify roles and responsibilities and ensure adhering to national guidance on best practice.

Financial implications:

For 2015/16 £104,000 is identified in the BCF plan to be awarded as grants to eligible individuals to complete as many recommended adaptations within the year as possible, to be targeted at those identified as having the highest priority needs. The number of clients supported will depend on the cost of adaptations completed and

any contributions the individuals are assessed to make. This year expenditure has been £135,000, in previous years this has been approximately £160,000. Funding will be rolled forward this year but depending on demand the need for Rutland County Council to identify additional funding to cover any shortfall would need to be identified.

Recommendations:

That the board:

1. Note the contents of this report.
2. Agree to reviewing outcomes that these schemes are able to achieve.
3. Approve the Draft Business Case attached at Appendix 1

Comments from the board:

Strategic Lead: Mark Andrews

Risk assessment:

Time	M	Timescales exist within legislation from the time of the adaptation being recommended to the grant being approved and from the time of the grant being approved to the work starting.
Viability	L	It is anticipated that the scheme will deliver the intended outcomes and contribute towards achieving the BCF targets.
Finance	H	Demand on budget unknown until midway through the year but due to the number of commitments already in place it is highly likely that resources in the BCF budget will not meet the number of applications.
Profile	M	Individual situations can increase the profile due to emotional sensitivity if affecting vulnerable adults and children.
Equality & Diversity	M	National eligibility criteria apply but no specific group of individuals subject to discrimination.