Freedom of Information Questionnaire

# FOI Request – Council Housing Adaptations. May 2024.

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| **Ref** | **Question** | **Response by LA – Wokingham Borough Council** |
| **1** | For disabled tenants living in your retained Council Housing stock who need home adaptations, do you operate a grant process equivalent to the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) in other tenures? | Yes |
| **1B** | If ‘No’, how do tenants request / apply for home adaptations? | N/A |
| **2** | Is the team that manage the requests part of the local authority, and what is the name of the team? | YesTeam Name: Housing Adaptations Team |
| **3** | If you have a published policy on adaptation in your retained council stock, please provide the website link | <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/care-and-support-adults/support-services-and-assessments/adapting-your-hom>e |
| **4** | Where a disabled tenant living in your retained Council Housing stock requests adaptations costing more than £1,000, is their request means tested? | No |
| **4A** | If ‘Yes’, what was the total value of your tenants' assessed financial contributions (following a means test) for all completed adaptations in 2023/24? | £0 |
| **5** | Are these adaptations generally funded from your Housing Revenue Account (HRA)? | Yes |
| **5A** | If ‘Yes’, how much did your local authority spend on these home adaptations from your HRA in 2023/24. | £650,000 |
| **5B** | And what was the average cost of adaptations per home that you adapted in 2023/24? | £19,000 |
| **6** | What percentage of requests / applications for these adaptations costing more than £1,000, were assessed/referred by an Occupational Therapist (OT) in 2023/24? | 100% |
| **7** | Do you keep a register of the adapted / accessible homes in your retained Council housing stock? | No |
| **8** | In 2023/24 how many home adaptations costing more than £1,000 did you provide for Council Housing tenants in total. | 34 properties adapted |
| **9** | In 2023/24 how many home adaptations costing more than £1,000 did you provide for Council Housing tenants where the disabled person was: |  |
| Aged 18 or under | 5 |
| Aged 18 to 65 | 20 |
| Aged 66 and over | 9 |
| **10** | In 2023/24 how many home adaptations did you provide for Council Housing tenants, where the total cost was: |  |
| Between £1,000 and £5,000 | 16 |
| Between £5,001 and £15,000 | 9 |
| Between £15,001 and £29,999 | 3 |
| £30,000 or more | 6 |
| **10** | For 2016/17 how many requests / referrals for home adaptations for Council Housing tenants were refused? | 0 |
| **10A** | What is your policy on refusing adaptations for disabled tenants within your retained housing stock? | Not “reasonable and practicable” to undertake the adaptations.Tenant is in the process of purchasing the property through Right to Buy |
| **11** | For home adaptations costing more than £1,000 in your retained housing stock which were completed during 2023/24, please provide the following average (mean) timescales for the following. All in working days. |  |
| Time from receiving a referral from social services (OT) until the date of the grant application / request for approval | 189 working days |
| Time from the grant application / request from approval until that date when the grant / works were approved | 10 working days |
| Time from approval until the adaptation works were completed | 107 working days |