

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting:	16 July 2024
Title of Report:	Disabled Facilities Grants
Lead Member:	Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development and Communities)
Lead Strategic Director:	Gary Walbridge (Interim Strategic Director for Health, Adults and Communities)
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Your Reference:	DFG/SI
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To provide detail regarding Disabled Facilities Grants, how they are delivered in Plymouth, waiting times, budgets and demand.

Recommendations and Reasons

- I. Note the contents of the report

Alternative options considered and rejected

- I. None

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The provision of DFG's contributes to the corporate plan by promoting independence, fairness, and reducing health and social inequality, helping people to take control of their lives and to be treated with dignity and respect. DFG funded major adaptations enable people to remain in their own homes, thereby helping to contain the potential for increases in costs to health and care services and minimising risks to disabled people, their family and carers. Wellbeing is a guiding principle throughout the Care Act 2014 which sets out the framework for the future provision of adult social care. Suitability of living accommodation is one of the matters local authorities must take into account as part of its duty to promote wellbeing. The provision of major adaptations is a preventative measure which can promote someone's wellbeing allowing them to live as independently as possible and for as long as possible.

Working with the NHS to provide better access to health, care and dentistry.

Keeping children, adults and communities safe.

Focusing on prevention and early intervention.

Spending money wisely.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Gary Walbridge

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 02/07/2024

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Chris Penberthy – approved verbally

Date approved: 02/07/2024