

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 1015154
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Adapted Bathrooms

Request:

With regard to bathroom adaptations can you please supply a list of contractors who do work on behalf of Housing Grants department for DFG (disable facility grants) I would also ask for the schedule of rates and if any manufacturers product is specified.

In respect of Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs), Wolverhampton does not have a list of contractors who work on behalf of the council in relation to grants.

In all cases for DFG's the contractor is employed by the private individual not the council.

We do currently supply a suggested list of builders who are members of the FMB and are known to have experience in adaptation work; however, as of 1st December 2015 we will be advising people who apply for a DFG to search for a builder registered in the Trustmark category for "Home Adaptations – Disabled & Elderly." www.trustmark.org.uk

We do not operate a schedule of rates; a value for money assessment is carried out on each individual job.

A schedule of work that can be grant-aided is supplied to each grant applicant following a survey of the property. This is based upon the specific requirements of the Occupational Therapist.

In some instances certain products are specified in the schedule as an example of the standard required; most commonly AKW /Impey/N & C Phlexicare shower trays, Tarkett Marley safe tred aqua floor covering, Mira Advance ATL shower. The schedule allows for equivalent products as long as they are approved by the council's Technical Officer.

With regard to the public sector can you also confirm how materials for adapted bathrooms are supplied and if there are any specifications by product/manufacturer or performance.

In answer to your above question, following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above information but we have provided you with an address that can provide you with a response to this part of your request. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, as per Section 1(1)(a) of the Act:

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