

#### Why choose Staying Put

Every year, Radius Housings' Staying Put supports the implementation of 500 Disabled Facilities Grant adaptions.

We offer free advice and assistance to enable you to complete your grant application. If you would like to make an enquiry or find out more about the service, please complete the attached and return to:

#### **Radius Staying Put Department**

Radius Housing FREEPOST BEL4018 HOLYWOOD BT18 9BR

#### Contact Us

Or call us at 0330 123 0888 extension 3004 or email: stayingput@radiushousing.org

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### Everyone has a place

## **Staying Put Home Adaption Service**

Help to access the NIHE Disabled Facilities Grants



# Adapting Your Home through a NIHE Disabled Facilities Grant

A disability or a mobility issue can affect your use and enjoyment of your own home. If you or someone you live with is having difficulty managing the stairs, or is unable to go outside independently or use the bath without assistance, living in your own home can become very frustrating.

A home adaptation can offer a solution - allowing you to remain independent in your home, whether it is owner occupied or privately rented. By adapting the living environment of your house to meet your needs, your house becomes your home once again.

Possible adaptions may include:

- Improved access to your home eg changing steps to a slope and fitting a handrail
- Improved bedroom, kitchen and bathroom facilities

   for example sockets fitted a lower levels, wider doorways, handrails, or walk-in shower
- Extensions eg for a downstairs bathroom or bedroom
- External safety including play facilities

Radius Housing Staying Put team can help you access the necessary NIHE Disabled Facilities Grant to plan a home adaption to meet your needs.

## I wouldn't change a thing, the service did a good job all round.

Mr Kinloch, Antrim

# How can I start the process of a home adaption?

Contact your GP, explaining you are having difficulties in your home, and ask for a referral to an Occupational Therapist. An Occupational Therapist specialises in assessing the needs of disabled people or people with mobility issues to enable them to manage their living environment issues.

An Occupational Therapist will arrange to visit your home and advise you on ways to improve your living environment to make it more suitable.

Your Occupational Therapist may make recommendations ranging from the provision of specialist equipment to making improvements or adaptions to your living environment in order to make it more suitable.

Once your Occupational Therapist recommends adaptions to your home, call Radius Staying Put team, to arrange a visit to your home to discuss your needs. We can assist you with your application for a Disabled Facilities Grant and offer any additional advice you may require.

All costs involved in your adaption, including the affect your income may have (if any), on your contribution to the adaption works, will be explained by a member of the Radius Staying Put Team.

Staying Put can assist you in finding an architect/contractor to carry out the adaption and will support and advise you with any queries during the building works.

#### I thought the service was excellent and can't think of any improvements, you were just a phonecall away.

**Mrs Grafton, Dundonald** 

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