

Disabled Facilities Grant and RRO Policy 2022 - 25

Following consultation and consideration by Cabinet, all proposed changes were agreed.

[Disabled Facilities Grant and RRO Policy 2022-25 (darlington.gov.uk)](https://www.darlington.gov.uk/media/14545/disabled-facilities-grant-and-rro-policy-2022-25.pdf)

Those impacting directly on individual applications are as follows:

1. Removal of the means test for the following adaptations (and any combination of these):
   * Stairlifts (Straight and Curved)
   * Ramps (semi-permanent)
   * Level Access Showers
   * Through Floor Lifts
   * Wash Dry Toilets
2. Retaining the means test for ground floor extensions and garage conversions but increasing the land charge recovery threshold from £5,000 to £10,000.
3. New Schemes added for:  
   * provision of additional support such as safe spaces for children and adults with autism/behaviors that challenge
   * dementia grants to fund small modifications that would allow someone with a diagnosis of dementia to remain living safely in their home for longer.
   * smart home kits such as a smart thermostat to control heating and hot water
   * home accident prevention/health and safety such as minor adaptations and repairs, security checks, deep clean and de-cluttering of premises

**To apply for support via the Disabled Facilities Grant contact:**

**Adult Social Care (for individuals aged 18+) -** via telephone on 01325 406111 or via  
 the website

<https://www.darlington.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-services/contact-us/>

**Childrens Front Door** – via telephone on 01325 406222 or via email   
 [childrensfrontdoor@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfrontdoor@darlington.gov.uk)