



BEDFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Hospital Re-Admission Prevention Grant

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Hospital Re-admission Prevention Grant (HRPG) of up to £3,000 will be available where housing defects or adaptation works are necessary to prevent a potential hospital admission or re-admission as assessed by professionals attached to either Social Services, Acute or Primary Care Trust, or to address significant difficulties in providing safe and dignified home based care. Works may include:

- adapting the living environment to accommodate a disability (such as changing a door or providing a modular ramp or repairing a stairlift)
- remedying defects including safety hazards, security, and thermal comfort measures (insulation, heating, wiring).

Eligibility

In order to qualify for HPRG the applicant MUST live in Bedford Borough. This grant will NOT be subject to a test of applicant's financial resources.

Conditions

The works must be necessary in order to facilitate care or reduce readmission, to save or reduce hospitalisation or residential care costs or to facilitate safe and dignified home care and avoid or reduce the cost of a care package.

Assessment for HPRG will take priority over other casework at the discretion of the HIT Team Manager.

The Council reserve the right to refuse this award if there is doubt or another form of assistance is more appropriate, or where the primary responsibility lies with an alternative organisation/department.

All other conditions e.g. relating to repayment, contractors, standards of work and invoices etc. that apply to DFG will apply to HPRG.

Working practice

HIT will work with other council departments and agencies within Health and Social Care to provide a flexible and rapid offer for genuine and needy cases where other assistance types are likely to be ineffective. This will include exchange of information, getting approval of the customer and family / carers, access to the property for assessment, completion of appropriate records, liaison with contractors and the completion of works.

All HPRG awards must demonstrate how they have contributed to a reduction in the risk of hospital readmission or the facilitation of care package implementation or the reduction of care package needs.