

People Select Committee

Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG)

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Disabled Facilities Grants

SBC Duties

- Statutory Duty
- ‘Assessment of need’
- Options available to meet needs
- Reasons if not granted
- How to complain or appeal

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SBC DFG Policy

- Maximum £30,000
- Means Tested
- Contributions
- Owner Occupiers / Landlords / Tenants
- Referral
- Pass ported benefits
- Only SBC residents

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Eligible works

- Facilitating Access or making a Dwelling or Building safe
- Access to a room usable for Sleeping or Access to a bathroom
- Facilitating preparation and cooking food
- Heating, Lighting and power
- Dependent residents
- Common parts
- Individual circumstances
- Minimum requirement to meet clients needs

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Enquiry Process

- Assessment of Need
- Reasonable and practicable
- Waiting List
- Fastrack
- Confirmation of referral
- Formal Grant Process

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Application Process

- Application for grant must contain:
 - Schedule of Works
 - 2 Estimates
- Preliminary or Ancillary Services and charges
- Top Slice
- Future Occupation certification

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Approval Process

- Approved or Refused within 6 Months
- Refusal
- Recovery of any equipment

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Grant Conditions

- Carried out within 12 months
- Repayment of any interim grant
- Works carried out
- Payment of Grant

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Land Charges

- Maximum of £10,000
- Only if DFG exceeds £10,000
- 10 years
- £5,000 exemption times 30%
- Confirmed in writing

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Undertaking Works

- Own Applications
- 2 estimates
- Pre-start meeting
- Work in progress visits
- Sign Off
- Successive Applications

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Local Discretion and Flexibilities

- Homeowner Top up Loan
- Homeowner DFG Loan
- Tenant DFG Loan

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Government Recommendations 2018

See separate sheet

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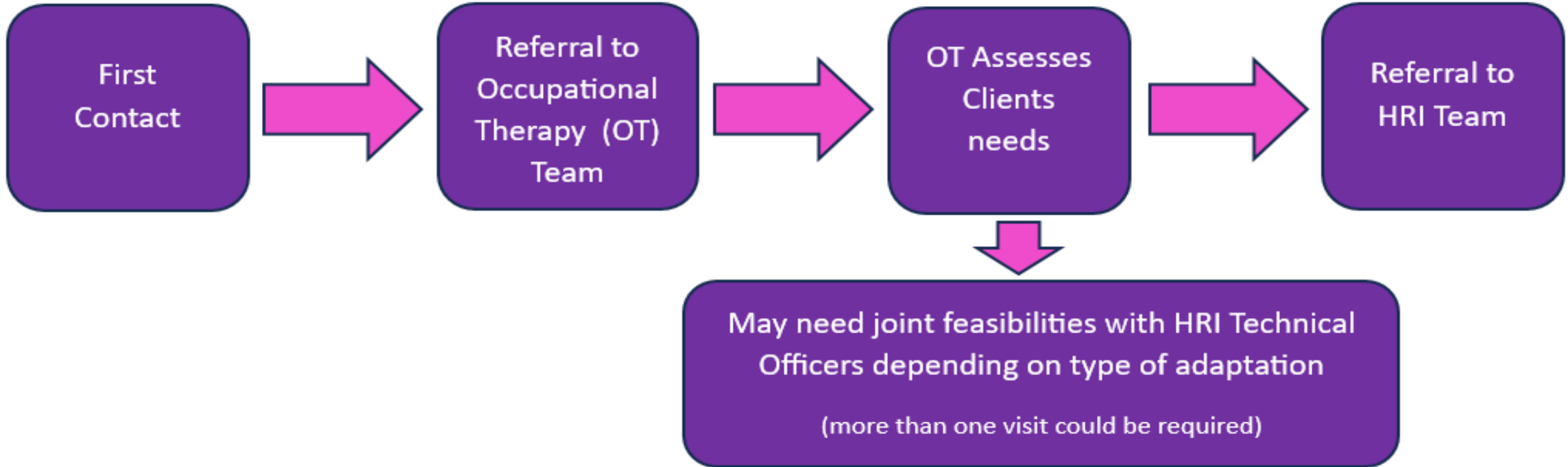
Recommendations

- Contributions
- Registered Providers
- Are SBC supporting residents sufficiently
- Change DFG Policy?

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Next Meeting....

1 – First Contact / Occupational Therapy (Krasen Saltikov)



Thank You

Any Questions / Feedback