

35458 Council Adaptations

I would like the exact length of time the waiting list is for the City of Edinburgh Council's adaptations team, more specifically:

How many people are presently waiting for a surveyor to assess their home?

There are currently five cases on the Children and Families (CF OT) waiting list awaiting input with regards to an assessment of need for potential adaptations. Whether or not all cases will require a surveyor is currently unknown. The CF OT Team have on-going cases and will have made requests to the Council's Adaptations Team requesting a joint-visit from a surveyor – the CF OT is allocated a surveyor as and when one is available, and this is outwith the CF OT Teams control.

How many people are presently on the adaptations waiting list?

Currently there are 75 major council house adaptations to be ordered and 103 ordered works still in process of being completed.

What is the exact turn around for adaptations to take place?

The current average number of days to complete is 376 days, however, this figure is not the norm and is high because of works being ordered during the Covid-19 pandemic and not being able to be started and completed within the normal service standard target of 121 days.

I also would like to know what authority does Morag McRae OT within the Children and Families team has to determine whether assessments can go ahead and if she doesn't have the authority who in the department does?

Morag McRae is a qualified and registered Occupational Therapist with the HCPC. Within the CF OT Team Morag has responsibility and authority to carry out assessments in relation to minor and major adaptations amongst a number of other specialist areas. Morag is responsible for assessing children's needs and determining / supporting adaptations as required. All major adaptations are sent to the Senior OT within the team to review and approve / not approve on a case by case basis. Major adaptations with a value over £20k must be further reviewed and approved / not approved within a monthly Senior OT meeting consisting of a number of Senior OT's within different Edinburgh localities.

I also want to know the exact number of adaptations that have took place for council tenants within the last 5 years.

The total number of major adaptation referrals received for Council tenants for the last five years was 843. This is for Children's and Adult's services combined. It is not possible to separate the number between Adults' and Children's adaptations.