

64403 Housing Adaptations, Occupational Therapy Assessment and Implementation of the January 2023 Statutory Guidance

For each of the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, please provide:

The total number of referrals/applications received for housing adaptations.

Information not held. The only number the EHSCP can report on is the total number of occupational therapy assessments requested and not categorised by request for adaptations.

The number of those referrals/applications for which an assessment by an Occupational Therapist was required before the adaptation could be approved, authorised or funded.

Information not held. For any major adaptations, all would need to be assessed by an occupational therapist but information on the numbers is not held on Council systems.

The number which were approved, authorised or funded without an Occupational Therapist assessment.

None.

If separately recorded, the number involving bathroom adaptations or replacement of a bath with a shower, and the numbers in (b) and (c) for that category.

2023/24 - Council 89, owner occupied 76.

2024/25- Council 10, owner occupied 53.

2025/26- Council 79, owner occupied 61.

Please note these figures are for the number of wet floor shower/bathroom adaptations completed, not for requests.

Please state whether, as at 31 August 2026, an Occupational Therapist assessment is routinely required before approval, authorisation or funding of:

Straightforward or standard housing adaptations generally;

Yes, if there are major adaptations. A community care assistant could complete an assessment and order for minor adaptations.

Replacement of a bath with a shower;

Yes.

Other standard bathroom adaptations.

Yes, if there are major adaptations. A community care assistant could complete an assessment and order for minor adaptations.

Please provide the current policy, procedure, assessment pathway, protocol, eligibility criteria, flowchart or other document governing that decision.

Please see relevant documents attached.

Please also identify any circumstances in which these adaptations can currently proceed through:

Direct access;

Not available via this method.

Self-assessment;

Not available via this method.

Assessment by staff other than Occupational Therapists;

Not for major adaptations, but minor could be done by a community care assistant in some circumstances.

Another streamlined pathway.

No other pathways.

For each of 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, please provide, where recorded:

The number of Occupational Therapy assessments undertaken specifically in connection with housing adaptations;

Information not held. We only hold the information on the total number of occupational therapy assessments requested.

The average or standard staff time allocated to such an assessment;

The total staff hours spent undertaking such assessments;

The cost of providing Occupational Therapy assessment for housing adaptations, where separately identifiable.

Information not held.

As at 31 August 2026, or the closest date for which information is available, please provide:

The number of people awaiting an Occupational Therapy assessment in connection with a housing adaptation;

Information not held. All assessments are for an occupational therapy functional assessment of the person's needs, and not specifically for an adaptation request.

The recorded average and/or median waiting time from referral to OT assessment;

The average is 176.87 days (this is for an occupational therapy assessment and may not be in relation to adaptations).

The longest recorded current waiting time, if held;

560 days (this is for an occupational therapy assessment and may not be in relation to adaptations).

Any published or internally reported performance target for this waiting period.

Please see attached.

The Scottish Government published its Guidance on the Provision of Equipment and Adaptations on 17 January 2023.

Please provide copies of any documents held since 17 January 2023 which record consideration by the authority, HSCP or relevant service management of how the authority should implement that guidance in relation to housing adaptations.

For this part I am seeking existing:

Reviews;

Implementation plans;

Reports;

Briefing papers;

Committee or management papers/minutes;

Revised procedures or protocols;

Recorded decisions.

Colleagues from the Housing Service and Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership are working on a review of adaptations. This is referenced in the [report to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee February 2026](#). Updates on the review were provided to the Committee in Business Bulletins – [May 2026](#) and [August 2026](#).

Regular updates on adaptations spend/funding are reported as part of the Cyclical Assurance on Service Performance, reported to [Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee](#).

Please state whether the authority's housing-adaptation assessment pathway has been changed since 17 January 2023 as a consequence, wholly or partly, of the Scottish Government guidance.

No.

If yes, please provide:

The date of the change;

A brief description of the change;

The relevant revised policy/procedure.

Not applicable.

If no change was made, please provide any recorded decision, review or assessment concluding that the existing arrangements should remain unchanged.

No decisions have been made yet as the review is not concluded.

If the authority operates a direct-access, self-assessment or non-OT pathway for straightforward housing adaptations, please provide for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26:

The number of adaptations processed through that pathway;

The types of adaptation covered by it;

Any recorded waiting-time or processing-time information for that pathway.

Not applicable.