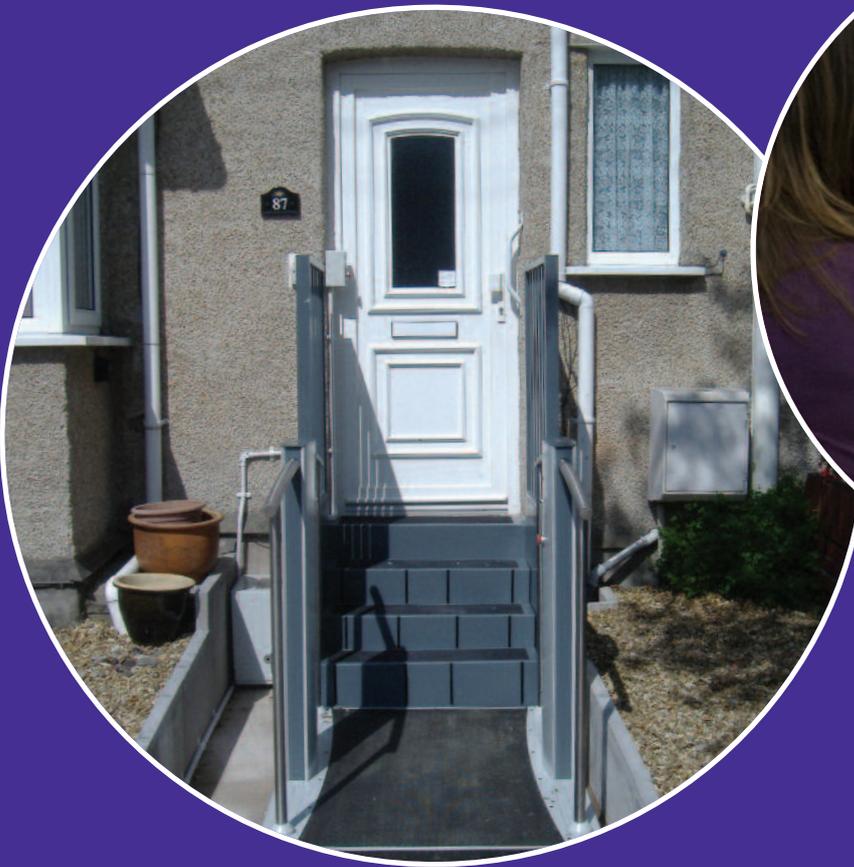


# Accessible Homes

Making homes work for older and disabled people in Bristol

Helping you  
move home



## Why move home?

The use of equipment and minor adaptations may be the first options you consider to help you manage in your home. If these do not solve your problems major adaptations and more permanent changes to your home will only be approved after all other options, including rehousing, have been considered.

We recognise that not everyone wants to move or is able to move. We also know that moving is a big upheaval, and that it is particularly difficult when you are disabled or have a long term health condition, however:

- Moving can often be a better long-term solution to your needs.
- Many people who move wish they had done it earlier and find their new home much easier to manage.
- We will always discuss the options with you and will take account of your family ties, friends and social support needs before suggesting a move.

## Start thinking about a move early on

The earlier you start thinking about a move the better. It is always easier to move while you are able to manage rather than waiting until you are in a crisis situation.

### Do you rent your home?

- Register on Home Choice Bristol as soon as possible.
- There are a lot of properties in the city that have already been adapted. We want to make best use of these homes.
- We work with a range of housing organisations to find suitable properties.
- To register on Home Choice Bristol or to get more information about registering and bidding on rented properties you can contact them on 0117 922 2400 for advice.
- You can also look at the Home Choice Bristol website at [www.bristol.gov.uk](http://www.bristol.gov.uk)
- You should mention if you have a health condition or disability, which is the reason for the move.

### Do you own your home?

- We can assess your health/disability needs and help you to consider the different housing options.

- Make sure you let us know that you want to move as early as possible as it will take time to find the place that is right for you.

## When is moving the best option?

- When another home would need lots of adaptations for you to access it and manage living there. It may be a simpler and cheaper way to meet your needs.
- When your current home needs major adaptations such as an extension or major structural changes, especially if the cost of the adaptation is likely to go over £30,000 (the current maximum for a Disabled Facilities Grant).
- When you cannot access a significant proportion of your living space ie, the first floor.
- If your home is above the ground floor and there is no lift and no possibility of installing one.
- When an adaptation to your current home is not feasible for example, if you live on a hill and the steep gradient means a ramp or a step lift cannot be installed.
- If another home would meet your long-term care needs for example, ground floor accommodation or Very Sheltered Housing.
- If you are a Council or Housing Association tenant and have spare bedrooms.

There may be other reasons why a move would be a better option, it will depend on individual cases.

## What help can we provide?

We provide advice and support to look at housing options and will help you select the most appropriate home for your needs. We have our own specialist Occupational Therapy team who work with Health and Housing, Home Choice Bristol and West of England Care & Repair.

- We will listen carefully to find out your needs.
- We may be able to advise you on the types of accommodation that you should consider bidding on that would best suit your needs.
- We can accompany you on viewing a home should you be successful at bidding for it and want to determine if it's suitable.
- Our aim is to help find somewhere that will meet your needs, not just now, but into the future.

- Even when you have found the right place your new home may need equipment or minor adaptations and we can help with this.

West of England Care & Repair offers independent free advice and help to older and disabled people, their carers and family providing:

- home visits
- support to identify the right accommodation
- help with form filling and paper work
- help to view properties
- help throughout the moving process and settling in.

## Housing association and council tenants already living in an adapted home

We know that some people eventually need to move from an adapted home eg, as your family grows or your support requirements change. However, if your current home has already been adapted please talk to your landlord, or to us, before you apply to move. We can help you find a suitable property.

Please note:

- You may not be offered a property through Home Choice Bristol if your current home has already been adapted to meet your needs and you try to move to a property that needs adapting.
- You need to get your landlord's permission before exchanging an adapted property. It is important that the person who moves in is someone who needs the adaptations.

## Financial help with moving

### Moving to a smaller home

There may be financial incentives through the 'under occupation scheme' if you are a council or housing association tenant and you wish to move to a smaller home, please ask Home Choice Bristol about this when registering.

## Your first point of contact

<b>Disabled Adults</b>	Bristol Care Direct 0117 922 2700
<b>Disabled Children</b>	Disabled Children's Service 0117 903 8250
<b>Housing Association tenants</b>	Please contact your landlord
<b>Home Choice Bristol</b>	0117 922 2400

## Do you want to organise moving home yourself?

**West of England Care and Repair** 0117 954 2222  
[www.wecr.org.uk](http://www.wecr.org.uk)  
They provide support with rehousing whether you own or rent your home.

### **WEBSITES:**

[www.bristol.gov.uk](http://www.bristol.gov.uk)

[www.homechoicebristol.co.uk](http://www.homechoicebristol.co.uk)

[www.wellaware.org.uk](http://www.wellaware.org.uk) A useful website which is a guide to health, wellbeing and community services in Bristol and surrounding area.

### **Also see our other leaflets:**

- Adapting your home
- Our service

If English is not your first language and you need a translation, we can get one for you.

#### ALBANIAN

Nëse anglishtja nuk është gjuha juaj amtare dhe keni nevojë për një përkthim, ne mund t'ua sigurojmë atë.

#### BENGALI

ইংরেজী আপনার মাতৃভাষা না হলে এবং আপনার কোন অনুবাদের প্রয়োজন হলে আমরা তা প্রদান করতে সক্ষম।

#### CHINESE

如果英文不是您的第一語言，而您需要翻譯的話，我們可以為您安排。

#### GUJARATI

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#### HINDI

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#### KURDISH

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#### POLISH

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#### PORTUGUESE

Se o Inglês não é a sua língua materna e precisa de uma tradução, nós podemos obtê-la.

#### PUNJABI

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#### SOMALI

Haddii Ingiriisku aanu ahayn afkaaga kowaad oo aad u baahan tahay turjumaad, annagaa kuu samayn karra.

#### URDU

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#### VIETNAMESE

Nếu quý vị không thạo Anh văn và cần bản dịch, chúng tôi sẽ giúp quý vị một bản.

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