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Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 887

Your request for information received on 07 August 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

We wish to ask under the housing order legislation where does it say for Disabled grants you need an occupational therapist report? What legislation stated that this is required for disabled adaptations?

Our response

Article 55 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 '*Disabled facilities grants: approval of application*' paragraph 3 provides that the Housing Executive must consult with the 'relevant authority' to establish that '*...the relevant works are necessary and appropriate to meet the needs of the disabled occupant.*'

Legislation states:

(3) The Executive shall not approve an application for a disabled facilities grant unless it is satisfied—

(a) that the relevant works are necessary and appropriate to meet the needs of the disabled occupant, and

(b) that it is reasonable and practicable to carry out the relevant works having regard to the age and condition of the dwelling or building.

In considering the matters mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) the Executive shall consult the relevant authority, unless the relevant works are of such a kind as may be agreed between the Executive and the authority.

In the case of a Disabled Facilities Grant the local Health and Social Care Trust is the 'relevant authority'. They have delegated the authority to assess and identify the need for

adaptations to appropriately trained and competent occupational therapists in community settings.

This concludes our response.