

Moving to an adapted home



How do I apply to included on the Adapted Homes Register?

To be on the Adapted Homes Register and able to apply for an adapted property you must first be registered with Homechoice. Your suitability for the Adapted Home Register will be assessed as part of the registration process.

To register with Homechoice:

- Complete a Homechoice Register Application Form and a Medical Self-Assessment Form. The information you give on your Self Assessment Form helps us to decide with you what adaptations you need.

When we have accepted your application we will send your details to the Stockport Homes Occupational Therapist. (OT)

- The OT may visit you to discuss all housing options.
- The OT will decide if you should be included on the Adapted Homes Register and you will be informed of their decision.

If you want to find out more about what you have read in this leaflet or would like to register with Homechoice, please contact:

 **0161 217 6016**

 **homechoice@stockporthomes.org**

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Stockport Homes aims to make the best use of housing that has been specially built or is already adapted. The Adapted Homes Register helps us to ensure that when an adapted property becomes available to let it is offered to someone who will benefit from its adaptations. The Register is managed by Stockport Homes and Social Care working in partnership.

The benefits of an Adapted Homes Register

- It enables us to match the housing needs of disabled people with suitable accommodation.
- Better use is made of homes that already have adaptations.
- Unnecessary spending on adaptations can be avoided which ensures that money can be retained to help those in most need.
- Accurate information about adapted housing is built up including where it is and what features it has.
- Stockport Homes officers can predict more accurately the demand for adapted property in places where housing is planned.

Homes available through the Adapted Homes Register

- Properties that are accessible for wheelchair users.
- Properties with a stair lift or through-floor lift.
- Properties with level-access showers or walk-in showers.
- Purpose built properties.

How we match people to homes

Most properties with adaptations will be advertised with the choice based lettings service, Homechoice. Anyone is eligible to bid for these properties but those accepted on the Adapted Property Register will be given priority when an adapted property is allocated. Properties advertised by Homechoice will include most adapted properties E.g, those with a level-access or walk-in shower.

Properties which are fully wheelchair accessible are not advertised by Homechoice. They are allocated by the Adapted Property Panel which is attended by Occupational Therapists from Stockport Homes and Social Care, and a Manager from Stockport Homes.

The Adapted Property Panel matches applicants on the Adapted Property Register with wheelchair accessible properties on the basis of need, risk and the kind of adaptation(s) suitable for them.

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