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What is the Staying Put Scheme?

The Staying Put Scheme is a Home Improvement Agency run by Stockport Homes. It helps you to continue living independently, comfortably and safely in your own home for as long as possible.

To enjoy your home to the full, it helps to ensure that your house is in good repair, warm and secure and generally meets your needs. Don't worry if this is difficult – we may be able to help you to undertake repairs and improvements, or even help you to adapt your home.

Who can use the Staying Put Scheme?

For repairs you must be a homeowner over 60 years old or, if you are under 60 years old, on a means tested benefit.

For adaptations we can help people of all ages whether you own or rent your home.



What does the Staying Put Scheme offer?

- Advice from a surveyor about how to tackle the repairs or adaptations.
- Obtaining quotes from reputable contractors.
- Supervision of any work you ask us to carry out.
- Help to find the money to pay for the work if you can't pay.
- Advice about other services if we can't help you.
- Checking to make sure you receive all the benefits you are entitled to.

What are the benefits of using the Staying Put Scheme?

Not everyone feels confident enough to arrange building work. We can take the worry away for you and help you keep your home in good order, safe, warm and secure.

What will the Staying Put Scheme cost me?

The Staying Put Scheme is a non-profit making service. We do not charge for giving advice but you will be asked to pay a fee when the work is done.

All costs and charges will be discussed with you before you are asked to commit yourself.

How will the work be paid for?

We know that finding the money to pay for repairs, adaptations or improvements to your home isn't always easy. If you can't afford the cost we will help you to look at other options.

These may include an insurance claim, a loan, a lifetime mortgage (often known as equity release), approaching a charity for help or a grant from the Council or other organisation.

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