

Creating Healthy Homes for Independent Living

Quarter of a century promoting independent living in Leeds.

Care & Repair Leeds was set up in October 1986 as an independent Home Improvement Agency with the aim of helping older homeowners to access Council grants to repair and maintain their homes. Over the last 25 years the organisation has grown to one of the largest of the 200 agencies in England, employing nearly 30 staff, developing a wide range of services and winning major national awards. These services are run in partnership with Leeds City Council, NHS Leeds, the voluntary sector and national power companies and are all focussed on helping vulnerable people to live independently in safe, healthy and adapted homes. Last year 5,250 people received these services, with a further 5,400 receiving information and advice.



Over the last year there have been major cuts in the funding for some of these services and the agency has to adapt and change to meet the ever increasing demand for its services with a decreasing availability of funding. The next 2 years are going to be extremely difficult but we will continue to work and campaign to be able to provide these essential services to help people live independently in their own homes.

Bill Rollinson

Bill Rollinson M.B.E
Director, Care & Repair Leeds

Support My Life, the New Service from Care & Repair

Support My Life

the missing piece to make your life easier



Introducing a new service at Care & Repair - Support My Life, offering 100s of daily living aids to support independent living.

Products are available through the brochure and also through our online shop www.supportmylife.org, available towards the end of October. We also offer more continence care products which are not in the brochure but featured in a separate continence care price list. We are working closely with the William Merritt Centre and Occupational Therapists to ensure that clients have access to independent advice.

Care & Repair has charitable status and Support My Life is being operated as a social enterprise on a **not for profit basis**. Any surplus from sales will be reinvested back into the organisation for the **benefit of the local community to support independent living for older people and adults and children with disabilities**.

For more information call 0113 200 9150 or email: info@supportmylife.org.



Excellence in Delivering a Housing Options Service

The **Housing Choices Service** provides advice and support for older people and disabled people to either move to more suitable accommodation for their needs or to receive extra assistance in their existing homes. Over 250 people receive this help every year and the service is funded by Leeds City Council. The main aims of the service are to give older and disabled people as much information and advice as possible to allow them to make informed choices about their housing needs, and then to offer them the practical help and support to achieve this.

The service has been awarded the Foundations award for "Excellence in Delivering a Housing Options Service".

The award was presented in the House of Lords by Baroness Sally Greengross. John Galvin, Director of the Elderly Accommodation Council, presented the award and said:

"I am particularly pleased to award this to one of the best agencies in the country and one we have worked closely with over many years."

For information about the Housing Choices service call 0113 391 8330.



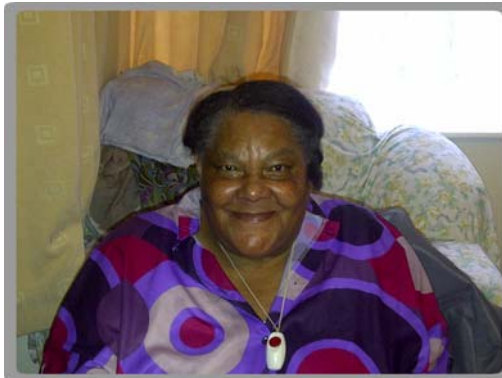
Left to Right: Bill Rollinson MBE (Director); Sam Latham (Housing Choices Caseworker); Gordon Lee (Treasurer)

Disabled Adaptations Service

As part of our range of services we offer Major Adaptations for people who own their own home, often with aid from a Disabled Facilities Grant.

Case Study

Mrs Sutton (76) of Chapeltown, Leeds has been ill for over 4 years and as a consequence could not use her upstairs bathroom and had been restricted by difficult access in and out of her terraced property.



Mrs Sutton was offered a scheme by Leeds City Council's Adaptations Agency. This involved installing a through floor lift from her front room to her bedroom, but due to her phobia of lifts, this scheme was unsuitable so she approached Care & Repair Leeds to help with her needs.

We proposed a small rear extension to create a living space off the kitchen and widened the doors throughout the property. We also converted her existing living room into a bedroom and en-suite wet room. A new front door and levelled access to the front pavement make it much easier for her to go out for hospital appointments and pay visits to relatives.

"I know that my health is much better than it would be if I were in a home, I am happier here and that itself makes me feel better"

As with all our adaptations, we offer a full design and planning service, we liaise with the Occupational Therapist and apply for the Disabled Facilities Grant on behalf of the client. Our skilled team of specialist design and technical staff take away the stress of organising and administering any works that are needed. This service is also available for people who wish to fund their own adaptations.

For more information about this service call 0113 200 9159.

Our range of services

- **Disabled Adaptations Service**
- **Prevention of Falls Service**
- **Support My Life**
- **Health Through Warmth**
- **Housing Choices Service**
- **Handyperson Service**
- **Repairs and Home Improvements Service**
- **Hospital Discharge / Prevention Service**
- **Leeds Directory**

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