

Care and Repair Leeds Newsletter



Promoting independent living, dignity and choice for older people and people with disabilities



Home Improvement
Agency Awards 2009
WINNER

Leeds NHS PCT
reverse their decision
and agree to continue
funding the Falls
Prevention Service
until March 2013



Awarded the Foundations
Quality Mark

Left to Right - Bill Rollinson MBE (Director, Care & Repair Leeds);
Cedric Wilks (Chair Management Committee, Care & Repair Leeds);
Cllr Peter Gruen; Andy Chaplin (Director of Foundations)

Bill Rollinson, Director
presented with an
MBE for services to
housing in Leeds



In true Home Improvement Agency Style, the **Ups** and **Downs** in 2010!



Leeds NHS PCT
cancel their funding
for the Falls
Prevention Service

Safer Leeds
cancel their funding
for Home Security
Improvements

Leeds Supporting
People tell us there
will be a 10% cut in
our budget

Local Authority
cancels their funding
for the Home
Maintenance Service

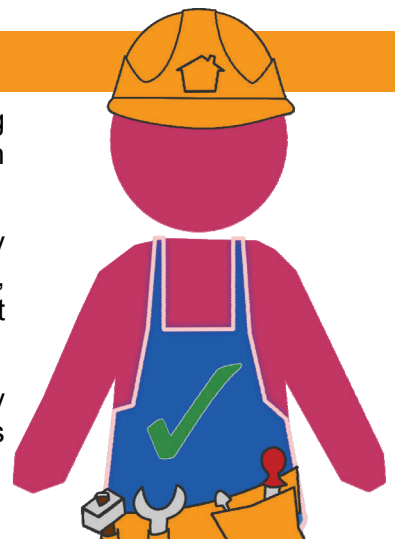
Can you recommend a Tradesperson?

By popular demand, the Leeds Directory team will soon be launching 'Leeds Trade Directory', to help and support older people and people with disabilities remain independent in their own homes.

If you know of any reliable and affordable plumbers, electricians, builders or any other trades that you think would be suitable for the Leeds Trade Directory, please call the Helpline on 0113 391 8333, visit us online at www.LeedsDirectory.org.

We'll be bringing all your favourite LeedsDirectory features to the Trade Directory including: Green Tick Quality Assurance, Star Ratings, Flexible Search Options and Hard Copy Information sent directly to your door.

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The Home Maintenance Service

The service targets older people and disabled people living in their own home, who are in receipt of means tested benefits living in poor quality housing with the aim of promoting independent living. It provides practical advice and help for vulnerable householders to carry out urgent minor repair to their homes.

Case Study

Mr B, an 84 year old man, was due to leave hospital but unable to do so because of the unsafe condition of his property. A hospital Social Worker contacted Care & Repair for help, we were able to arrange the work which included repairs to:

- A 2sqm hole in the kitchen floor
- Water coming through bedroom ceiling
- Lighting in kitchen

Through the Home Maintenance Service we were able to arrange and complete the work, within 2 days so Mr B could be discharged from hospital.

"Without the Home Maintenance Service I would have had to sell my house and move into a care home"

"If it were not for the Home Maintenance Service I would have sat down and cried, I cannot thank you enough"

The demise of the service will have very serious effects over the coming years in the numbers of people being able to live independently in their own homes which in turn will place significant extra demands on the statutory bodies in Leeds.

STOP PRESS: We have just been told that there may be a limited budget available for the Home Maintenance Service for 2011/2012.

Health Through Warmth

Health Through Warmth aims to improve levels of warmth, comfort and quality of life for vulnerable people who have illnesses made worse by cold and/or damp living conditions, e.g heart or lung disease.

Case Study

Susan was referred to Health Through Warmth in August 2010.

Having visited the client, it was clear that Susan was struggling to cope in a very cold property. We discussed what heating measures would be suitable and the contributory nature of the scheme. Susan had no savings, received no benefits and was unable to work due to her health conditions.

We were very concerned about the lack of heating at the property and decided to arrange for a quotation for central heating that came to £2,700. Applications were made to several relevant charities, and we made a referral to Leeds Benefit Service and to the CERT insulations scheme.

We were successful with £1700 in charitable contributions and installed a full central heating system in early October 2010. The remaining £1000 was contributed from npower's Health Through Warmth Crisis Fund. Susan is now in receipt of Disability Living Allowance and now has cavity wall insulation.



Our range of services

- Disabled Adaptations Service
- Prevention of Falls Service
- Home Delivery Service
- Health Through Warmth
- Housing Choices Service
- Home Maintenance Service
- Back to Back Home Improvements
- Handyperson Service
- Home Security Improvements
- Hospital Discharge / Prevention Service
- LeedsDirectory

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HANDYPERSON
MAJOR ADAPTATIONS
SUPPORT FOR CHOICE
CONNECTING WITH HEALTH
FUNDING FOR REPAIRS & ADAPTATIONS