

Title	Appendix 4 - Guidance on specialist advice/budget
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Notes

Note 1

The guidance produced by the Royal College of Occupational Therapists sets out a list of minor adaptations which they consider can be safely fitted without a visit from an Occupational Therapist or other specialist.

Note 2

The Royal College Of Occupational Therapists advocate that housing associations should consider approving aids/adaptations without a specialist referral to minimise the delay on completing adaptations which reduces the risk to tenants who need them.

Factors we should consider:

- How the applicant feels about waiting for specialist advice
- The cost of the aid/adaptation
- Whether the cost of the aid/adaptation can be claimed through HAG
- Current spend on the aids and adaptations budget
- Current waiting times for an OT referral
- Available information on the priority of need e.g. has the applicant had any recent accidents which might have been prevented with an aid or adaptation
- Confidence of the Designated Officer in providing the correct specification

Aids/adaptations carried out without an OT or other specialist referral will not be eligible for HAG funding.

Decisions on self referrals should be made by the Designated Officer and approved by the Designated Manager.



