

## Shower Adaptions - What we cover under the Minor Adaptations Grant

### Level access Shower

Where practicable there will be no step up into the shower tray (even if you can manage a step now). This is so that the adaptation will continue to meet your needs should your mobility change. In most cases a wet-floor shower room is created by using wet room former that drops into the floor. A special waterproof, anti-slip flooring e.g. Altro Aquarius / Pisces is then fitted over the top of the tray and the remainder of the bathroom floor with a flush threshold to the doorway.

### Shower Curtains

Two heavy weighted shower curtains and a rail to suit the proposed shower area. We will not fund full height glazed screens/ cubicles as these limit space in the shower area, can make it difficult/dangerous if you fall and restricts the amount of assistance carers can provide you.

### Shower Units

Thermostatically controlled showers that are either electric or mixer e.g. Mira Advance ATL Flex / Mira Select Flex which incorporate anti-scald protection and scale inhibitor. Water temper should not exceed 43 degrees centigrade. Shower to include adjustable height shower head with 1000mm adjustable slider bar, to be suitable for seated or standing use and 2000mm flexible shower hose.

### Washbasins / WC

The existing toilet and /or washbasin will only be replaced under the grant if these are not meeting your needs or fit for purpose. For example, you need a higher toilet, or a smaller washbasin is needed to accommodate the shower. We will not fund vanity units.

### Tiling

Tiling to be installed full height in shower area only using standard white tiles. Also, as a splash back above the washbasin if the position of the washbasin is changing. These may not match the existing tiles. If required any additional tiling can be funded by the client.

### Shower seats

These can be included in the grant but in some instances may be provided free of charge through Adult Social Care – you may need to talk to your Occupation Therapist about the best option if you have one. If no Occupational Therapist is involved, please ask your contractor to include for a shower seat in your quote.

### Decoration

If the shower is being installed into an existing bathroom then any decoration disturbed will be "made good". Any new woodwork or plaster to be decorated. If required any additional decoration can be funded by the client.

### Door Openings

Doors to open outwards if possible and where this is not possible rescue pivot hinges to be installed (these allow the door to be opened either way in an emergency). Doorways can also be widened where necessary / required.

### Electrical / Heating

All electrical work must be carried out by a register installer. Light / extractor to be replaced where existing is not compliant or installed where there isn't any extractor in situ. Heating

may be provided where there is currently none in the bathroom or existing is not efficient. We will not fund towel radiators.

### Grab Rails

2no. white fluted grab rails to be installed in the shower area and if required a grab rail beside the WC / and or drop-down rail/s beside the WC.

All of the team will be happy to answer any queries or questions on what we can provide through the grant. If you would like further information, please email [adaptions@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:adaptions@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk) .

**Reminder...** Please ensure that builders quotes are comparable, if they are not these may be returned to you and delay you application.