



Disabled Facilities Adaptations

Disability Facilities Grants

- The Council has a statutory duty to consider and approve applications for Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) where there is an identified need and the property could be reasonably adapted.
- Grants fund the adaptation of privately owned homes to allow residents to live as independently as possible in their own home for as long as possible.
- Statutory limit of £36,000 with a discretionary maximum grant of £60,000
- Medium and large adaptations are means tested
- Owner occupiers, landlords and private tenants can apply for this grant to adapt a property, providing there is a disabled person living in the property as their main residence.



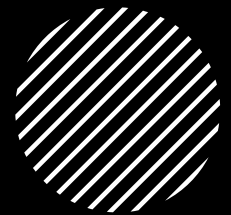
Performance indicators

- 56 Grants were awarded in 2020/2021
- Days to complete a DFG 340 (2020/21 target = 350) at Q2
- Care & Repair delivering many small works

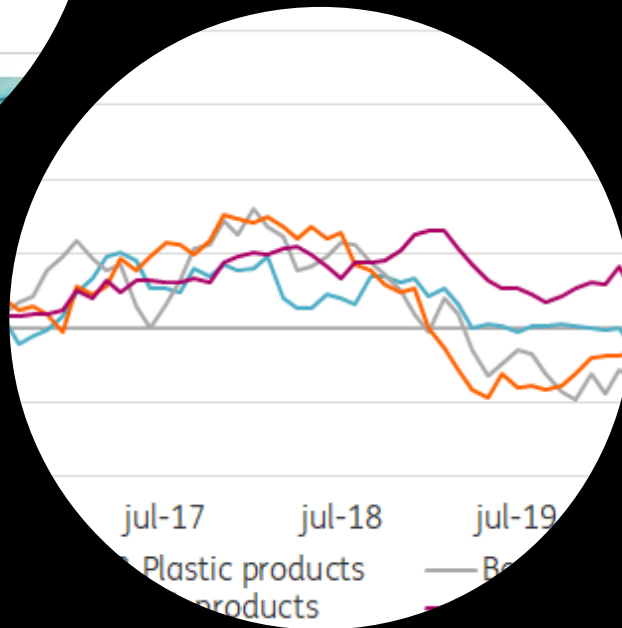
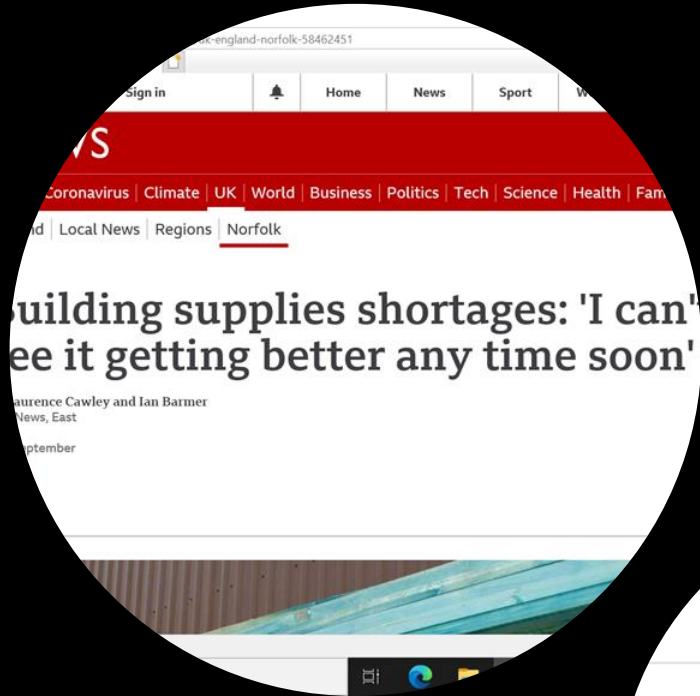


Covid 19 Challenges

- New ways of working
- Vulnerable & shielding clients
- Furloughed staff in construction
- Backlog of requests
- Still prevented hospital admissions



Post Covid 19 challenges



- Cost and availability of building materials
- Framework prices challenge
- Loss of contractors
- Backlog of referrals



Food for thought

- Changes in legislation
- The need to offer a fair service across tenure
- Removal of means testing?
- Work with partners to improve approach to home adaptations across the region
- Whole system approach to social care
- Current delivery model probably not fit for the long term

‘Everyone in Wales should have longer healthier and happier lives, able to remain active and independent, in their own homes, for as long as possible.’

(Healthier Wales: our Plan for Health & Social Care) 2018