



Making Your Bathroom Better For You



How to use this guide

This is an Easy Read version of our full guide.

If you need help reading it, ask someone you trust to go through it with you.

It was made by Astor Bannerman, a company that helps people adapt their bathrooms to meet their needs.

What this guide is about

Sometimes, people need to change their home to help them:



Be safe.



Be clean.



Be independent.



Be included.

This guide tells you how to:



Get help from your council.



Understand what changes you can ask for.



Choose equipment like baths and toilets.



Ask the right questions.



What is a DFG?

DFG stands for **D**isabled **F**acilities **G**rant.

This is money from your local council to help you change your home.

You do not need to pay it back.

You can use a DFG for things like:



A shower or wet room.



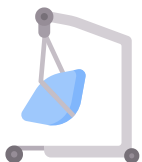
A ramp.



A height adjustable bath.



Wider doors.



A hoist or lift.



Who can get a DFG?

You can apply if:

- You are disabled
- You are a parent or carer of a disabled person
- You are renting or own your home
- You plan to stay in the house for 5 years

There is no financial test if you are applying for a child.

For adults, the council may check your income and savings.

How to get a DFG?



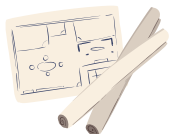
Contact your council or an OT (Occupational Therapist).



They will visit your home to see what changes you need.



They help you fill out the DFG form.



Plans are made for your new bathroom.



Work is done by builders and equipment installers.



Choosing equipment

You and your carer should get to see or try the equipment before choosing.

This can help you know what feels safe and comfortable.

Astor Bannerman can bring demo equipment to your home or centre.

You can see how it works and ask questions.

Who does the work?

Your council may help choose a builder and project manager.

You can also choose to do this yourself, but it can be stressful.

You can ask:



How long will it take?



Will we have to move out during the work?



What if something goes wrong?



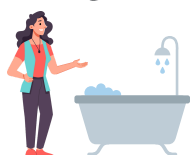
What happens at the end?



You have a bathroom that works better for you and your family.



The council checks everything is working.



You are shown how to use the equipment.



You are given information about servicing and repairs.

Need more help?

You or your carer can contact Astor Bannerman.

We help families, OTs, and councils with planning and equipment.



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