Home Adaptations Improvement Action Plan - September 2013 : Update January '14

Aim: improve the time taken to deliver DFGs and minor adaptations in Flintshire

	Objective	When	Comments/Update	Evaluation
1	Manage initial demand on OT services Reduce minor adaptations going to OT intake team by ensuring requests for basic adaptations go directly to Housing Adaptations Team.	Jan 2014	Pilot for 3 months initially. May require small amount of training for area housing staff.	Numbers & type Housing send out customer satisfaction questionnaire
2	Reducing delays for service user Surveyors have full responsibility for schedule of works. These do not require sign off by OTs prior to being passed to contractor.	Jan 2014	Schedule of works will be passed to OTs but process will not stop while waiting for OT sign off.	Collection of feedback / calls to OT

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3	Manage OT workload by reducing duplication and unnecessary tasks	1 st Feb	Letter to be sent to service users stating from this point onwards their	Reduction in % of Joint Visits
	Responsibility for major housing adaptations (DFG's) to pass to		communication should be directed to Housing colleagues.	Calls to OT to be monitored when case transferred to housing
	housing once OT recommendations has been made.		System to be employed to ensure cases acted on to allow for Duty of Care for service users.	
4	Managing workloads by reducing unnecessary tasks.	Feb 2014	Stair lift providers have proven themselves as reliable and trustworthy partners	Reduction in Joint Visits
	OTs do not go on 'routine' Joint Visits with stair lift providers.			
	Surveyors do not go on routine stair lift cases.			
5	More robust management of tendering and contracts.	End of Dec 2013	May require increase in contractors	Number of starts within 28 days
6	To stop faxing Adaptation Recommendation Forms to Housing	Start 1 st Feb	Eliminates need for printing /faxing will save resources, paper, ink etc.	
	colleagues and secure personal data		Minimal training/guidance required.	
	Provide limited access to Housing colleagues on Paris through 'share functionality'.			

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7	Targeting resources where they can produce most benefit – amend the Occupational Therapy Policy and Guidance	March 2014	WCBC have almost completed this work, consider how we can share this substantial piece of written work.	
8	Reduce delay. Speed up process by embedding policy on 'Adaptation of family houses & upper floor flats'	March 2014		Number of successful & unsuccessful challenges Eliminate delays Regular meetings/feedback from practitioners