

Sefton Care Settings Capital Improvement Grants Programme – Round 4

After 3 successful Rounds of our Care Home Capital Improvement Programme, we are really pleased to let you know that we will be launching the next round of Grants, and we are also extending this offer to sheltered accommodation providers in **Round 4**. The Grants Programme is now known as the **Sefton Care Settings Capital Improvement Grant Programme**.

Round 4 launches on Monday 8th January 2024, for registered nursing and residential homes and sheltered accommodation providers in Sefton.

Previously, the grants have helped to support our care homes to help make the home more dementia friendly and improve outcomes for care home residents. Feedback has been really positive from all who were awarded the grants.

Care providers have successfully implemented a wide range of projects which have improved the environment. Projects included the installation of sensory spaces both indoors and outdoors, artwork, summer house and conservatory refurbishments, cool touch radiators, wifi upgrades (Wifi boosters and associated hardware such as laptops and tablets, wiring and equipment) and dementia friendly technology such as interactive tables and robotic dolls and toys.

Here are just a few comments from providers about how they have utilised their grants and the outcomes so far:

“The conservatory structure is fully built and all agree the conservatory is looking fabulous. We are all delighted with it, as are the residents. Our Residents absolutely love it!”

“There is a noticeable difference already in the amount of service users that are spending longer periods of time in the dining areas due to the new dementia friendly furniture. Staff have found it easier to serve meals to the residents and assist those who need help during mealtimes. The resident’s feedback has been great, they are all very happy with the new furniture and find it much easier to mobilise into the dining area.”

“I would like to thank Sefton Council for providing us the opportunity and the grant to make the Home more Dementia-friendly. I think our council is heading in the right direction in terms of offering support to people with dementia - well done!”

“All residents are really happy with the new patio and seating area, we were able to invite families along to our Jubilee Party and had full use of the seating area, still leaving plenty of room around the garden for residents to

walk with purpose, or to sit and relax in an afternoon, families have commented on how nice and relaxed the garden looks now”.

“The residents absolutely love the model railway, and we have strived to achieve a stimulus to reminisce and encourage older happier memories and basically have fun with their fellow residents and families”.

“The residents said that they wanted to start a Gardening Club but before being awarded the Grant we did not have a safe, wheelchair access allocated area within the garden that could be utilised in this way. The patio and the seating area was repaired, and residents now have planters at waist height so they don’t need to bend down, and they have a lovely safe area where they can go to on their own if they wish.”

The **Sefton Care Settings Improvement Grants** will enable you to make improvements to the physical environment or to purchase technological solutions and energy efficiency technology, and dementia friendly equipment and adaptations to improve daily living experiences for residents.

Deadline for all applications to be submitted is 5pm Wednesday 21st February 2024.

For more information about the grant scheme and how to obtain an application pack please contact:

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