

During 2017-18 Independence at Home



average value of grant



37%

was spent on special equipment for disability, for example stair lifts and adjustable beds

25%

was spent on equipment to improve mobility, for example powered wheelchairs and specialist trikes

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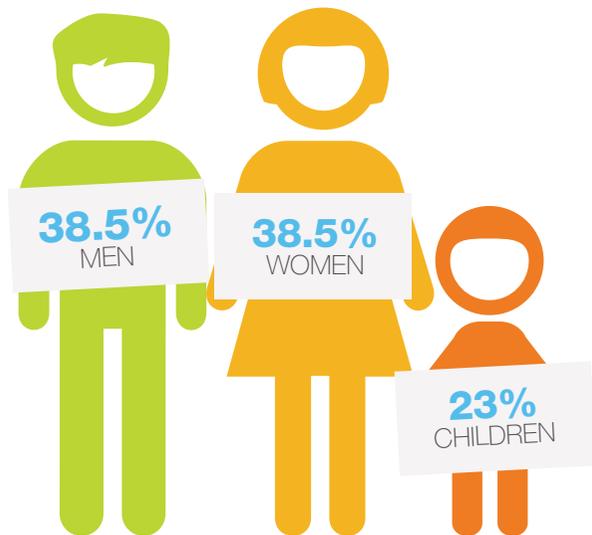
was spent on home adaptations for disability, for example wet rooms and downstairs extensions

13%

was spent on household goods, for example kitchen equipment, furniture and flooring and other essential support



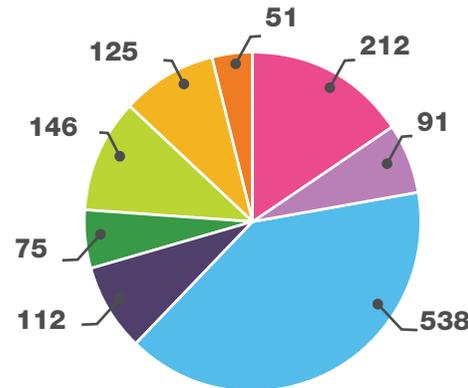
Our beneficiaries are:



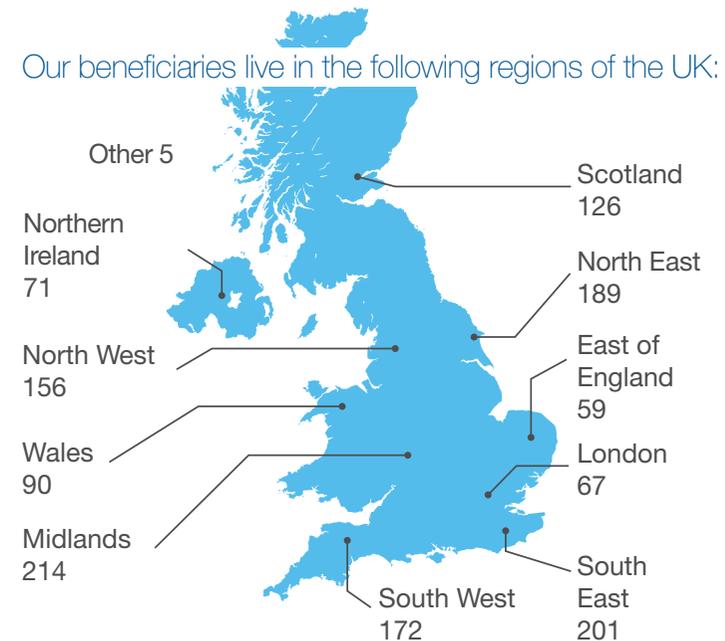
The ages of our beneficiaries were:

Ages

- 0-10
- 11-17
- 18-59
- 60-64
- 65-69
- 70-79
- 80-89
- 90-109



Our beneficiaries live in the following regions of the UK:



Our passion is our force

Independence at Home is a small well run charity. It has five part-time staff. Our office is located in Harrow, NW London. We are open Monday to Thursday, review applications each day and make grants and promises once a week.

The running expenses of Independence at Home are covered by our Founder's Fund and investment income which means that donations are given directly, without deduction, to people who are in dire need. Our charity does not receive any Government or statutory funding.

Outcomes achieved

- Independence at Home grants had an immediate, positive and practical impact on daily life.
- Each item of equipment or works purchased helped to improve comfort, safety, dignity, quality of life and independence at home.
- The benefits extended to family members and carers that are involved in managing the challenges of everyday life.

Our supporters are our strength

We are supported by up to 100 Charitable Trusts and Foundations each year - generous donors who give donations to meet their own criteria. Our major donors include:

- **The John Armitage Charitable Trust**
- **The Dulverton Trust**
- **The Hadley Charitable Trust**
- **The Francis Winham Foundation**
- **Morrisons Foundation**
- **Bisgood Charitable Trust**

Working together for public benefit

During the year we commenced a five year strategic partnership with the ACT Foundation which granted £100,000 over this period to support our clients who need home adaptations and urgent home repairs. The John Harrison Charitable Trust granted £10,000 to improve independent living for clients with Multiple Sclerosis. We are seeking similar partnerships with other Charitable Trusts.

Transforming Lives

Since 1965 Independence at Home has helped more than **43,000 people**, making grants totalling **£6.8M** to support people of all ages across the UK enabling them to live the life they want to.

In 2018/19 we plan to make **1,150 grants** spending a total of **£402,500**.

We wish to do more, both with our own resources and with partners who share our aim of helping people most in need.

One of our referrers says:

'Keep up the good work. You must be a lifeline to many, many people with disabilities'

'Thank you for the funds towards the cost of a mobility scooter for my client. The improvement in her quality of life has been profound. Her husband now states that she is 'never in'. Being able to navigate her community safely has given her a new independence.'

'I want to express my utmost gratitude for the recent donation which has contributed to my wet room. I cannot express in words how your kindness has enhanced my quality of life as it has enabled me to maintain a sense of dignity and independence'

'This is the first time I have used this charity and I must say that the application process was extremely easy and the turnaround has been very swift-certainly the quickest I have experienced.'

'You have made possible the purchase of a number of life changing aids that have infinitely improved the quality of life for some very vulnerable people.'

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