

During 2019-20 Independence at Home made



average value of grant

£365

total spent

£437,813



33%

was spent on special equipment for disability for example adjustable beds and communication aids

22%

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

23%

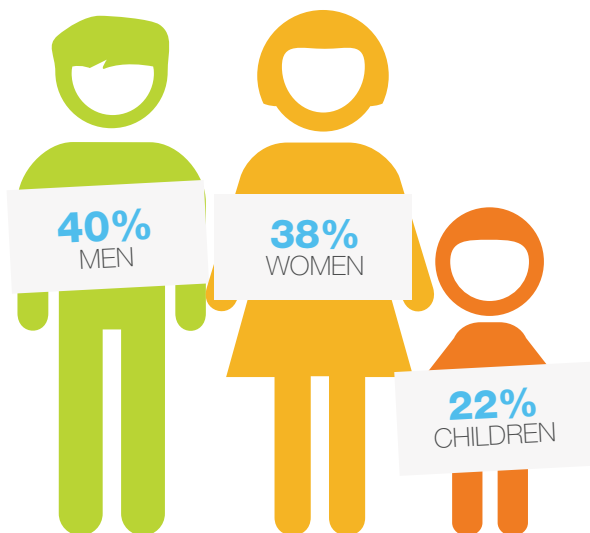
was spent on household goods for example kitchen equipment, flooring, and other essential support

22%

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



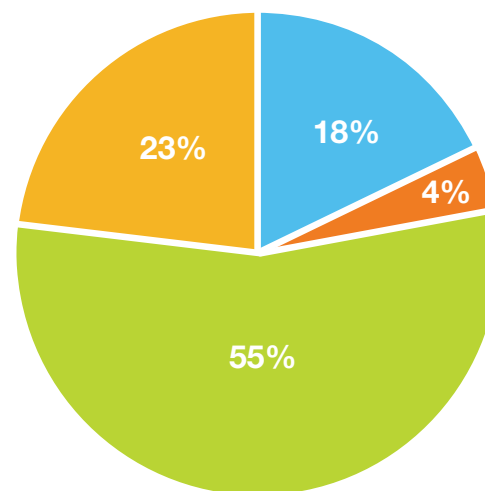
Our beneficiaries were:



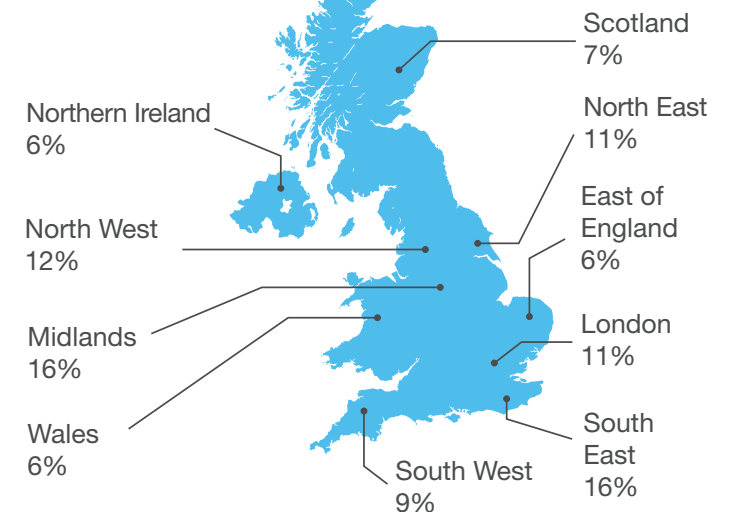
The ages of our beneficiaries were:

Ages

- 0-17
- 18-24
- 25-64
- 65+



Our beneficiaries lived in the following areas of the UK:



Transforming Lives

We have helped more than **45,000** people since Independence at Home was established in 1965 to carry on living their lives as independently as possible and to maintain their links with family, friends and the local community.

We have made grants totalling **£7.6M**, supporting people of all ages across the UK but, the work that we do is just the tip of the iceberg.

COVID-19 has created many more challenges for people living with disability and long-term illness. They are disproportionately affected by the isolation and lack of personal support experienced by the general population.



Our goal is to support independence for people of all ages and *“Together we can be a lifeline for those living with disability and long-term illness”*.

Making a Positive Difference

Our aim is to maintain active living, improve independence and well-being and reduce isolation for people living at home with disability and long-term illness.

We aim to create positive change so that everyone has the potential to lead a fulfilling life. In 2019/20, the most reported outcomes from our beneficiaries as they are able to undertake more in their lives at home, school, in the community and with friends and family were:

- an increased sense of calm and wellbeing
- a reduction in loneliness and isolation

Focusing on Individual Needs

We actively listen to the individual circumstances of our beneficiaries and support professional workers across the UK to enable their clients to obtain the equipment and building solutions that they need to improve their independence.

Our small team (2.5fte) is based in Harrow and we review applications on a weekly basis, ensuring that we respond to the needs of our beneficiaries quickly. We remained fully operational during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Supported by Loyal Donors

We receive grants from over 100 trusts and foundations which are vital to our work. We work hard to ensure we engage with organisations so that they meet their own criteria through our work and achieve the changes they wish to see in our society.

We have a strategic partnership with the Edward Gostling Foundation, which is the largest of our major donors. Our other major donors include:

- **John Armitage Charitable Trust**
- **Dulverton Trust**
- **The Schroder Foundation**
- **Hadley Trust**
- **Mercers' Charitable Foundation**

Our charity does not receive any government or statutory funding. The running costs of Independence at Home are covered by the Founder's Fund and investment income which means that every penny of donations received goes directly to individuals who are in dire financial need.

We are so very often the last port of call for individuals in dire need. A little help can go a very long way.

“Thank you so much for the grant for a new computer. I will be able to install the right kind of software to help me through the process of losing my sight completely. In a very real way, you are helping me to retain my independence at home. To say that I am extremely grateful to you is an understatement”.

“I cannot thank you enough for assisting this young girl and her mother in getting their lift repaired, which is now fully functioning. To say this may have saved their lives is not an understatement as they were both at risk and it is dreadful that no statutory services would pick this up.

“May I take the time to wish you and your charity my warmest greetings. Bless you for helping me with a grant towards the cost of an environmental control system. This will enable me to do things for myself like turn the lights or the TV on and draw the curtains.

“Can I just say a massive thank you for the grant towards my son's walking aid. Now he's the life and soul of any party and refuses to let the disability define him. You've no idea of the new world that will open up to him the best part being independence which means so much to us all.

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