

During 2021/22, Independence at Home awarded:



Average value:

£369

Total:

£461,324

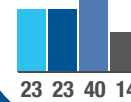


23%

was awarded for **specialist disability equipment** - for example, adjustable beds, hoists and communication aids

40%

was awarded for **household goods** - for example, kitchen equipment, flooring, and other essential support



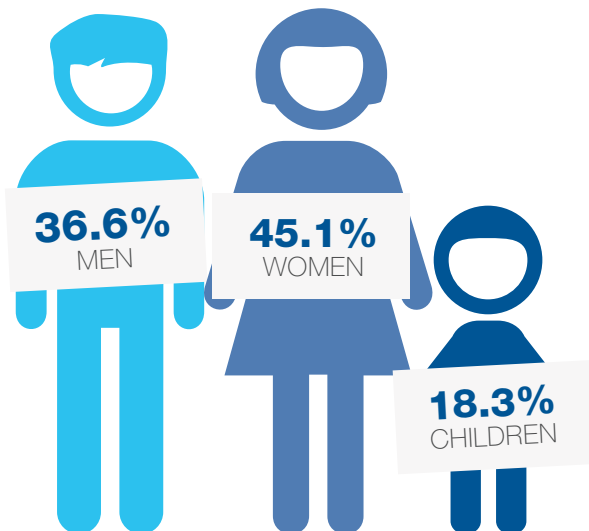
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was awarded for **equipment to improve mobility** - for example, powered wheelchairs and specialist trikes

14%

was awarded for **home adaptations** - for example, wet rooms, ramps and downstairs extensions

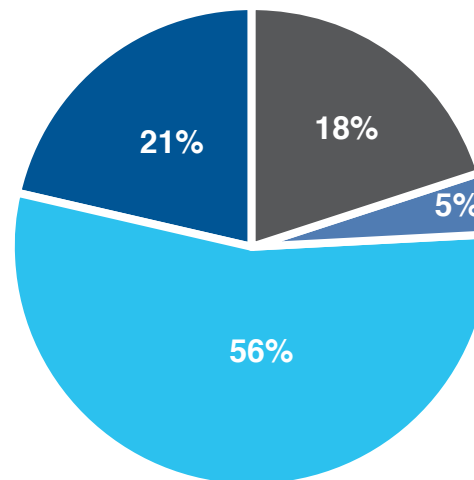
Our beneficiaries were:



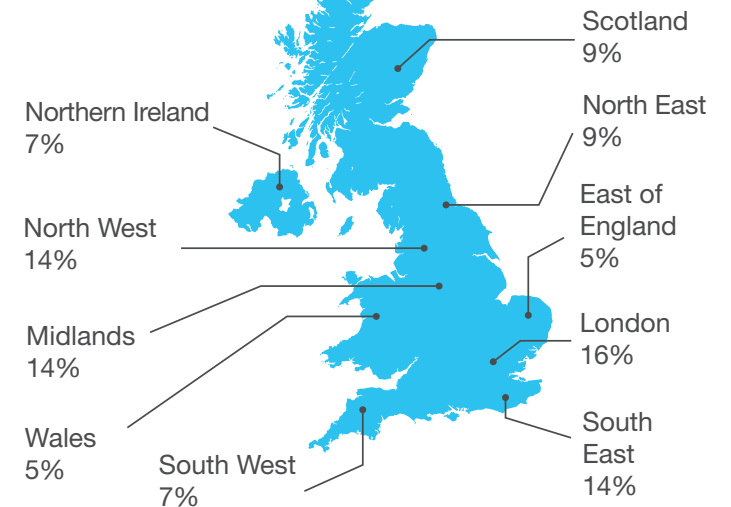
The ages of our beneficiaries were:

Ages

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



Our beneficiaries lived in the following areas of the UK:



Transforming Lives

Independence at Home is a charity which enables people of all ages to live independently at home. We do this by awarding grants to people who have a physical or learning disability or long-term illness and who are in financial need.

Since Independence at Home was founded in 1965, we have awarded **grants** totalling more than **£8.5 million**. We have helped more than **48,000 adults and children** to live as independently as possible and to maintain their links with family, friends, and their local community.

Life costs you more if you are disabled – some £583 per month more, on average. Almost a quarter of families with disabled children are faced with extra costs of over £1,000 per month. And now, with the widely-reported cost of living crisis, coupled with the long-term impacts of the Covid pandemic, disabled people are being disadvantaged even more.

The challenge of providing support in these increasingly desperate times is one which everyone at Independence at Home wishes to meet, to the very best of our ability.

Focusing on Individual Needs

Our beneficiaries are people of all ages, living with disability, long-term illness, and the multiple conditions of ageing. They are in dire financial need and find it extremely challenging to obtain essential equipment or home adaptations to enable them to live independently at home. Whilst technology has advanced, communication and mobility aids for people living with disability and long-term illness often remain out-of-reach because of the cost.

Faced with multiple barriers to independent living, and having tried but failed to secure what they need from statutory sources, our beneficiaries find themselves falling through gaps in service provision. People turn to Independence at Home seeking financial help for the purchase of specialist equipment and adaptations, and essential household goods.

“Thank you again for all your help in seeking funding for my client. She and I are very impressed with the service IAH offers and the efficiency/speed with which applications are dealt. In short, an incredible service.” Referrer

Thanking our Loyal Donors

Almost 100 Trusts and Foundations support the charity each year. We are enormously grateful to them all and very much hope that our efforts will continue to benefit from their most generous support. We were delighted that many of our loyal funders increased the value of their annual donations to the charity in 2021/22.

Thank you to our strategic partner, The Edward Gostling Foundation, and all our funders, including our major funders:

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

as well as those who wish to remain anonymous. With the support of our much-valued and incredibly generous donors and benefactors, we look forward to continuing to enable people to live independently at home.

Independence at Home does not receive any government or statutory funding. Our running costs are covered by an endowment. This means that every penny of the donations we receive goes directly to individuals who are experiencing financial hardship. We are so often the last port of call for individuals in dire need. A little help can go a very long way.

“I want to say a massive ‘thank you’. The mobility scooter has enabled me and my doggies to get out and about - without it, we would be house-bound. Today we went to the local park. It’s glorious to be outside feeling the sun on my face and the wind in my hair. Thank you, thank you very much.”

“This powered wheelchair has literally saved me and my husband so much stress, not to mention pain in our backs, and our son is absolutely chuffed to pieces - he’s been buzzing up and down, getting out and about and loving life. Please, please thank all involved – it’s seriously a life changer for us.”

“Thank you so much for your kind and generous grant towards a much-needed bed. I am thrilled to bits! I have been sleeping on an old, broken sofa bed and my back (and sleep) has suffered as a result, particularly since the operation. It will change my life and I am truly grateful to you.”

“Thank you again for helping to get the riser-recliner chair sorted for my client. She had a stroke and has not been able to sit out of bed until now. She has noticed a dramatic improvement in her mood and general wellbeing and wanted to pass on her thanks as it would just not have been possible without your help.”

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