

2022/23 Summary Report

During 2022/23, Independence at Home awarded:



 **1,230**
Grants

Average value:
£370 

TOTAL:
£454,854

17%

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

41%

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

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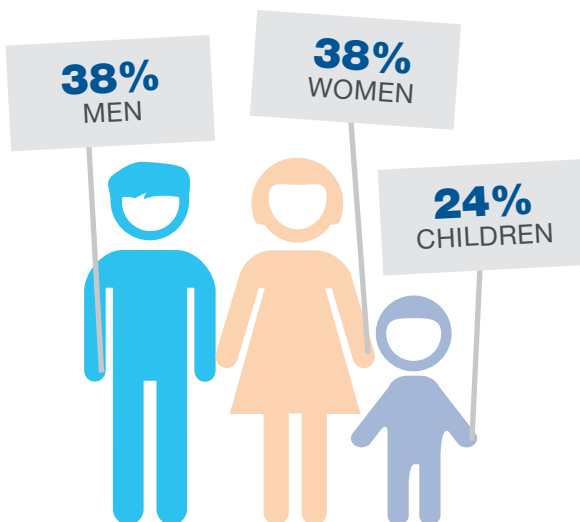
28%

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

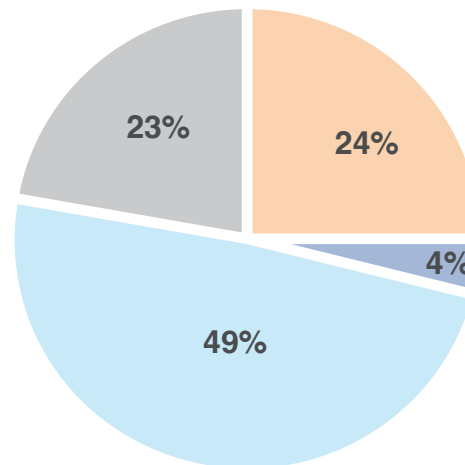
Our beneficiaries were:



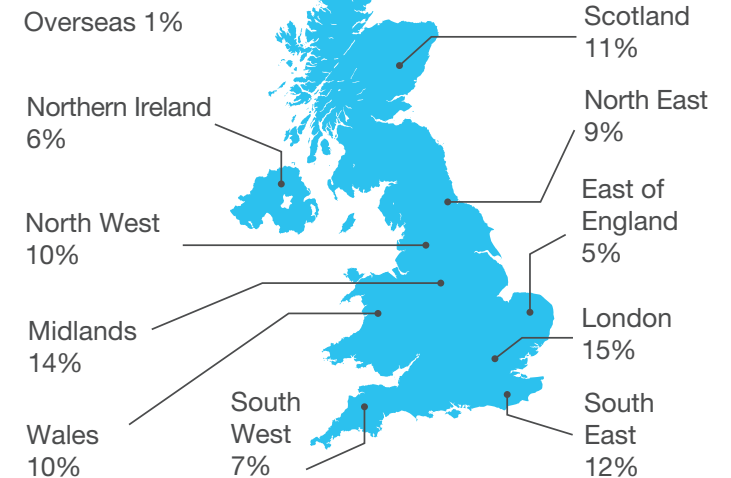
The ages of our beneficiaries were:

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 disabled people of all ages to live independently at home.

We do so 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 £975 per month more, on average, for households with at least one disabled adult or child. And now, with the 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 and ethnicities, from every nation of the UK. They are living with disability, long-term illness, and the multiple conditions of ageing. They are also 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.

Thanking our loyal donors

Over 80 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 several of our loyal funders increased the value of their annual donations to the charity in 2022/23.

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

- The John Armitage Charitable Trust
- The Dulverton Trust
- The Drapers' Charitable Fund
- The Hadley Trust
- 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 in financial need. We are so often the last port of call for individuals in dire need. A little help can go a very long way.

“My client now has his new [riser recliner] chair and wished me to thank you. Now he does not have to stay in his wheelchair for long periods he has a better home life and better use of his flat. Having the chair has improved his quality of life. Many thanks to you all and for the work that you do.”

“On behalf of my client, I would like to confirm that she has now taken possession of a text-to-speech scanner called the Ark Reader. This is due to the fantastic support of a grant from your organisation and she is very grateful to your organisation and staff in giving her the chance to purchase the equipment.”

“Thank you so much for supporting my client towards the cost of a mobility scooter - this will improve her daily living and give her more choices and independence. This is much appreciated.”



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