

Equality of Opportunity Committee

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Committee Inquiry into Home Maintenance and Adaptations Services for Older People

Background

At its meeting on 2 October 2008, the Committee agreed to conduct an inquiry into home maintenance and adaptations services for older people.

Proposed terms of reference

To inquire into the effectiveness of the Welsh Assembly Government's arrangements for providing home maintenance and adaptations services for older people in the light of the former Social Justice and Regeneration Committee's review of housing for older people in Wales in 2004 and the Welsh Assembly Government's review of adaptations in 2005. Including:

The availability and effectiveness of home maintenance and adaptations services for older people across Wales and between housing tenures.

Waiting times for Disabled Facilities Grants and the installation of adaptations.

The maintenance of installations and equipment.

The effectiveness of performance management tools used to assess the performance of agencies providing home maintenance and adaptations services.

The allocation of resources to home maintenance and adaptations services by the Assembly Government and the agencies charged with providing them.

The effectiveness and convenience to older people of the process for obtaining adaptations and maintenance and repair services.

The availability and accessibility to older people of information and advice on home maintenance and repair and adaptations services

To take evidence on what works, and what doesn't, and on what action needs to be taken to enable suitable provision of home maintenance and adaptations services for older people.

Recommendation

The Committee approves the proposed terms of reference, the draft consultation letter at Annex A and the proposed list of consultees at Annex B.

Committee Service

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