



Care and Repair Carmarthenshire
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Client Charter

Care & Repair Carmarthenshire's vision is that all older people are able to live in safe, secure, warm and comfortable homes which suits them and their lives and maximises their independence. We aim to provide free, quality advice and support, tailored to each older person, so they can repair, adapt and maintain their homes, to meet their individual needs. There might be some cost associated with works in your home, but decisions to proceed are down to the client. Where we can, we will seek financial support, grant or subsidy to ensure any building work is affordable.

The service can be over the phone, via email or a visit to your home to discuss your concerns and needs. As well as repairs and adaptations we can discuss energy efficiency, paying for fuel, falls prevention, home safety, welfare benefits, and health and wellbeing. We will always consider your personal circumstance in providing a solution, and the decision to proceed with any work will be solely up to the client. Clients will be well informed of the services available to them, both through the Agency direct and via sign posting to other service providers.

Our Service Standards

We will:

- Deal with your enquiries and communications as quickly as reasonably possible. We will endeavour to return telephone calls the same day and reply to emails, letters and social media correspondence within 5 working days.
- Tell you who is dealing with your matter and who your contact is and keep you informed of any changes.
- Progress your matter as quickly as reasonably possible and inform you of the up to date position and the timescale for future actions on your behalf.
- Do our best to communicate with you in a way that you prefer and can understand to ensure our services are accessible.
- Respect cultural, personal, and religious diversity.
- Provide a Dementia-friendly service.
- Consider language needs, including communication for people living with a sensory loss, including BSL for the deaf community.

- Conduct our services through the medium of Welsh if we are requested to.
- Seek to empower you to make decisions on how you wish to live in your own home by providing advice and options to resolve your issue/s and will support you in putting those decisions into practice.
- Update you when appropriate if we are unable to continue to help you as your need is outside our remit and endeavour to find suitable local services to meet your needs.
- Operate within our Quality Guidance and review this regularly to ensure we maintain robust quality procedures and continue to deliver the highest quality advice services.
- All our services are dependent on client consent, and the decision to commence with any intervention will be based on client choice.

Our Commitment to Client Care

We will:

- Communicate with our clients at every key stage so that all agreements and transactions are clear and transparent.
- Consider carefully all your comments about our service. If you feel that you are not receiving the service that you hoped for please tell the person dealing with your matter immediately.
- We may ask you to complete a feedback form at the end of your matter which we will use to help us improve our service.
- Operate a complaints procedure which is available on request.
- Regard each client as an individual, considering their specific social and personal circumstances, as well as the condition of their property. This is to ensure equality of access to the Agency services.
- Represent your interests and handle and keep your information confidential and private in line with our Privacy Policy and GDPR legislation.
- Where our work is underpinned by a legal or regulatory standard, we will uphold those standards and make our clients aware of their implications.

To help us provide this advice we need you (our client) to:

- Treat our staff politely and with respect.

- Be open and honest and open with the adviser to enable them to assist you in the best possible way.
- Provide us with clear, timely and accurate instructions.
- Respond promptly to requests for information with accurate information.
- Consider carefully and act upon our advice to you.
- Let us know if you need an interpreter to use our services or information in a specific format.
- Keep to your appointment time and let us know at the earliest opportunity if you are unable to attend an appointment.

To discuss this document, to make a complaint or give us feedback please call 01554 744300 or email office@careandrepaircarms.org.uk



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