

**Comparison of existing and proposed policies**

**Annexe 1**

<b>Assistance</b>	<b>Existing</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	Mandatory grant up to £30,000 Applicants are means tested (except for disabled children)	No means testing for stairlifts, ramps, rails, steps and hoists Relocation Grants could provide a more cost effective alternative
Safe and Warm Grant	Available for energy efficiency and security measures up to £5,000 Applicants must be in receipt of an income related or disability benefit or be aged over 60 and below the income tax threshold Applicants must have occupied the property for at least 3 years 10 year repayment condition	Eligible works extended to include rewiring, asbestos removal and removal of hoarding Maximum grant increased to £10,000 Eligible benefits to include Working Tax Credit and Universal Credit Qualifying residency period reduced to one year No change to repayment condition
Relocation Grant	Not available under existing policy	Available for costs associated with moving to a more suitable property where existing property is difficult or expensive to adapt Maximum grant £10,000 Applicants to be means tested
Prevention Grant	Some minor adaptations costing less than £5,000 fast-tracked where applicant has a nil means test contribution	Available for home safety checks, minor disabled adaptations, minor repairs and other measures necessary for prevention of hospital/care home admissions and bed blocking Maximum grant £5,000 No means test required but recipient must be disabled or elderly and below tax threshold No requirement for application form or approval notice