

Future Proofing Housing | Longford County Council

The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme | Phase 1 would like to understand people's interest in future proofing their homes for their changing needs in later life. This could mean moving from a larger house to a smaller home with particular Age Friendly features, adapting your home, or sharing a home.

The feedback received may be used as a referral source for the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme | Phase 1.

All personal information obtained from this survey will be stored in line with Meath County Council's Data Protection Policies. By completing this survey I consent to my information being shared with Age Friendly Ireland shared service of local government for the purposes of supporting older people through the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme.

The survey is available to complete, both online or in hard copy, from 10th to 21st May 2021. If you choose to fill in a hard copy, you can return it using the freepost addressed envelope enclosed.

You can access the online copy at the following link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9YNWGSB>

Alternatively phone the Age Friendly Ireland office on 046 9097413 and we can phone you back to take your response over the phone.

Please note this survey is only to be completed by people aged 45 and over

1. Which of the following best describes you?

- Living alone
- Living with spouse or partner
- Living with other family members
- Other (please specify)

2. Please indicate your age range

- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85 and over

3. Which of the following best describes your household situation?

- Home owner / owner occupier
- Private tenant / renting
- Local authority / social housing tenant
- Other (please specify)

4. How many bedrooms are in your home?

- 1 bedroom
- 2 bedrooms
- 3 bedrooms
- 4 bedrooms or more









5. Would you ever consider moving from your current home?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

6. Please indicate if any of the following apply to your current living circumstances? (tick all that apply)

- Home too large for current needs
- Home is expensive to heat or maintain
- Garden too large or difficult to maintain
- Accessibility and layout of home does not suit my needs now
- I do not feel safe and secure in the home
- I am not living close enough to shops, services and amenities
- My health or medical needs mean that the house is unsuitable

7. If you were relocating to a more suitable home, or future proofing your existing home, what features would be a priority for you? Please rank the below in order of preference from 1 - 12 with 1 being the most important feature

  Minimum of two bedrooms
  Warm and energy efficient home
  Sufficient storage space
  More security features



Need a small garden



Access to a community centre or shared space for meeting neighbours



Close to public transport



Close to shops and services (Post Office, Pharmacy, GP, Church, Library, Primary Care Centre)



An accessible home (for example, no steps)



A safe pedestrian route in the neighbourhood



Pets allowed / fenced garden



Good broadband and WiFi

**8. What help would you need to consider relocating to a more suitable home?
(tick all that apply)**

- Information and advice on my options
- A decluttering service
- Help with moving furniture
- Help with changing utility providers and access to health services
- Introduction to services in the new neighbourhood
- Access to small grants / financial support for moving
- Skip hire / waste removal / recycling
- Legal / financial advice

Other (please specify)

9. How far would you be willing to move to find a more suitable home?

- Immediate community only (within 500 metres)
- Anywhere within 500m to 3km approximately
- Another area of Longford

Other (please specify)

10. Have you ever applied for a Housing Adaption Grant from your Local Authority

- Yes
- No

11. If you answered 'yes' to question 10 above - was your application successful?

Yes

No

12. If you answered 'yes' to question 11 above - have you availed of this grant?

Yes

No

13. If you answered 'No' to question 12 above please use the space below to explain why this grant was never utilised.

14. Optional additional information

Longford County Council in partnership with Age Friendly Ireland and Sláintecare are rolling out the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme. A dedicated Co-Ordinator will be available at local level to support people to avail of access to supports that can enable them to continue living in their own home or potentially right size to a more appropriate home.

If you would like to be contacted by your Local Healthy Age Friendly Homes Co-Ordinator please provide your name and a contact telephone number.

15. I consent to being contacted by my Local Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator.

Yes

No

16. Would you like to be included in a draw for a Supervalu voucher worth €100?
By ticking yes you are consenting to your contact details provided above being used for the purposes of this competition. (1 draw for postal entries, 1 draw for online entries)

Yes

No

Thank you for completing this survey