**Aberdeenshire Council, Occupational Therapist – Housing**

**What is the job like day to day?**

1. The role is currently remaining homeworking (on a part-time / permanent basis) because of the pandemic. However, arrangements to work from an office could be made, if preferred, as and when they start to reopen. There is an adaptation design focus to the job that also requires some face-to-face client contact. We use a lot of virtual technology during the process of assessment however there will be some void property assessment and client site visits in North Aberdeenshire.

1. What will happen in your day?
2. There are weekly meetings (MS Teams) regarding the Housing Improvement Programme, (upgrade works to tenant’s homes,) which are attended by members of the Housing Occupational Therapy Team and their Line Manager. We also consult with each other daily on Teams if needed.
3. Housing Improvement Programme - On-line Project Management System (PMS) used for reporting:

* Receiving referrals for assessments related to the Housing Improvement Programme for North Aberdeenshire.
* Telephone call assessments / arranging home visits to tenants if required.
* Recommending adaptations e.g., bathroom, kitchen design, outside steps etc.
* Uploading recommendations to the PMS.
* Reviewing a sample of design drawings on the PMS.
* Arranging the moving / prescription of equipment for decants.
* Liaising with the wider Stock Improvement Team regarding the above.

1. Pre-allocation Assessments:

* Assessing the suitability of proposed properties for applicants.  Properties can be assessed via a Virtual Tour or on site if required.
* Assessing the applicant’s long-term housing needs – via telephone call / NearMe or by home visit if required.
* Ordering of equipment and requesting adaptations to these properties if recommended by Housing Occupational Therapy staff.

1. Housing Needs Assessments:

* Assessing the long-term housing needs of applicants who have not yet had a property identified for their allocation.  This assessment is carried out via telephone call / NearMe or by home visit if required.
* Advising the Housing Options team of recommendations following the above assessments.

1. Garden Maintenance Scheme:  Advising the Tenancy Services Team where there is a query regarding the tenant’s functional ability to maintain their garden.  Usually desk based.
2. Liaising with other Occupational Therapy staff who have had input with the tenant e.g., liaising with hospital staff regarding suitability of an allocation.
3. Maintaining up-to-date records on Carefirst system (on-line).
4. Advising on generic newbuild designs and considering the needs of individual service users at time of allocation.