



## **Hardship funding during the Covid-19 outbreak**

### **Guidelines**

This funding, supplied by Bernicia Homes, is available for households in Northumberland which are suffering hardship as a consequence of the Virus and the grants are designed to have direct and beneficial impact. Normal confidentiality criteria will apply – if contact needs to be made with other agencies, permission will be sought of either the referral agencies or the household itself.

There are just a few limitations:

- Households referred under our part of the scheme should be living in the West of the county. If you refer from another part of the county, we'll undertake to direct your referral to someone dealing with that area.
- Households will be suffering hardship because of the virus and their need can include:
  - Change in financial circumstances
  - Breakdown in relationship
  - Delays in benefits payments or those under the special Covid-19 funding schemes
  - Changes in employment
  - Breakdown of essential household items e.g. washing machine
  - Unexpected fuel or other bills
  - Etc
- Every effort should have been made to access other sources of funding such as special Covid-19 schemes or Universal Credit.
- Business are not eligible under this scheme.

If in doubt please make a referral and we'll endeavour to help as far as possible. If you have queries, then please contact Liz Prudhoe on 01434 600599 option 1.

The attached referral form should be returned to Jean Pearson at [jeanp@adapt-tynedale.org.uk](mailto:jeanp@adapt-tynedale.org.uk) in the first instance.