

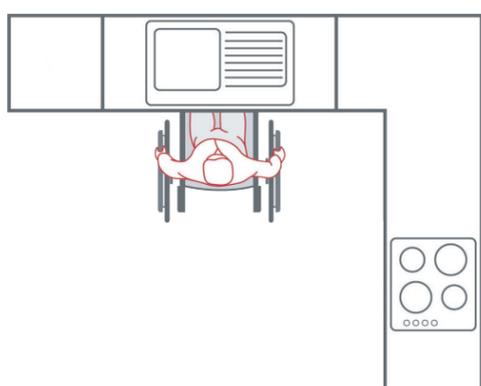
## MAKING THE CASE FOR ACCESSIBLE KITCHENS AS HIGH-VALUE ADAPTATIONS

High-cost adaptations, such as accessible kitchens, can carry significant upfront expenses; however, these adaptations also deliver measurable long-term savings and value. ROI is not purely financial - it encompasses improved quality of life, reduced care dependency, and less strain on NHS services.

### DEFINING HIGH-COST ADAPTATIONS



Exceeding **£10,000**, but may also be perceived as those that come close to the **£30,000** DFG limit



Accessible kitchens are a prime example with height-adjustable worktops, accessible appliances and layout redesigns to suit individual needs

### REDUCE FORMAL CARE COSTS

Independent kitchen use reduces or eliminates the need for daily carers

**↑ £5,000**

Annual cost of care package with 1 daily visit for meal preparation<sup>1</sup>

**2 YEARS**

Time an accessible kitchen costing £12,000 could pay for itself

### LOWER NHS DEMAND

Falls and injuries in inaccessible kitchens often lead to emergency admissions<sup>2</sup>



**£5,200**

Approximate cost of a fall requiring hospital treatment<sup>3</sup>



### HEALTH & WELL-BEING

- + Adapted kitchens promote, **dignity, independence** and **confidence**
- + Improved nutrition, through independent cooking, leads to better physical health
- + Usability encourages socialisation, for example, preparing food with / for family



### MANUFACTURER CONTRIBUTION TO ROI

- + **Customising design** to individual needs
- + **Improving installation efficiency**, subsequently reducing project timescales and labour costs
- + Collaborating with OTs, local authorities and clients to deliver the most suitable adaptations



### HIGH-COST vs HIGH-VALUE

- + High-cost adaptations, when executed correctly, are **high-value investments**
- + Accessible kitchens are enablers of autonomy and efficient service delivery



High-cost does not mean high waste; with the right partnerships and planning, adaptations like accessible kitchens can deliver outstanding ROI by:

- + **Reducing care expenditure**
- + **Preventing avoidable NHS costs**
- + **Enhancing client health and well-being**

As the sector shifts toward person-centred approaches with reasoning that has to include both future proofing and value for money, AKW are critical in turning high-cost adaptations into long-term social and economic gains.

AKW make award-winning accessible kitchens that are made in the UK by our team of experts and specifically designed to cater to individual abilities, available space and personal taste.

Download the AKW Accessible Kitchens Catalogue to browse our broad range of solutions.

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