



Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) Hoarding Grant Guidance

The VARM Hoarding Grant is a multi-agency funded budget funded by Derbyshire County Council Adult Social Care and Health, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service and Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board. The grant can be accessed to provide practical support for service users who are in a VARM process for example, clearing a property and disposal of rubbish/waste, skip hire, minor electrical/plumbing repairs.

For 2024-2025 the available grant for the full year will be £15,000.

These funds are only available when no other funding is possible and in exceptional circumstances. The VARM administrator can provide advice on other funding avenues to explore DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk

1. Related documents

- VARM Hoarding Grant application form.

2. Criteria

- The adult must be in an established VARM process.
- The maximum grant per application is £600.00 per household.
- A VARM hoarding grant application can be made once agreement has been sought from the VARM Chair.
- Multiple applications for the same service user will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

3. Guidance

Applications must be submitted using the VARM Hoarding Grant application form.

The application must be completed in full of an explanation about what the funding will be used for, together with accurate costing information, including VAT, and emailed to DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk. The DSAB office will acknowledge receipt of the application within forty-eight hours.

VARM hoarding grant applications are reviewed by a safeguarding lead from Derbyshire County Council Adult Social Care and Health, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service and Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board.

A decision regarding the application will be given within seven working days and the applicant will be informed of the decision by the DSAB office.

Should circumstances change and approved funds no longer be required the DSAB should be notified as funds will be made available for other applications. If approved funds are not spent within three months of the approval date the funds will be made available for another application.

The preferred method of payment is by invoice. The original applicant is responsible for ensuring the invoice is correct before emailing it to DSAB Business Services at either DerbyshireSAB@derbyshire.gov.uk, who will process it for payment.

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